Mr. Rustam Azimov
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
Mustakilik Square 5
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Republic of Uzbekistan

Re: UZBEKISTAN: Credi. No. 4598-UZ (Basic Education Project-Second Phase of the Adaptable Program Lending in Support of the Education Reform Program)

First Amendment to the Financing Agreement

Excellency:

We refer to the Financing Agreement for the above-captioned Project between the Republic of Uzbekistan (the Recipient) and International Development Association (the Association), dated October 15, 2009, (the Financing Agreement). Please note that capitalized terms used in this letter (the Amendment Letter) and not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the Financing Agreement.

Further to your letter No. PA/13-02/2-454, dated October 9, 2012 to the Association, we are pleased to inform you that the Association agrees to amend the Financing Agreement as follows:

Part E. 2 of Schedule 1 to the Financing Agreement is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"2. Provision of technical assistance and goods to carry out standardized national assessments of student learning in grade 4."

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing amendment by signing and dating this Amendment Letter in the spaces provided below. Thenceforward, all the provisions of the Financing Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. This Amendment Letter shall be executed in two counterparts, each of which shall be an original.

The provisions set forth in this Amendment Letter shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature, upon receipt by the Bank of: (i) one fully executed original of this Amendment Letter; (ii) confirmation that the Operational Manual has been updated.
Please also note that the approved restructuring paper dated November 30, 2012 will be disclosed on the Association's external website.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Saroj Kumar Jha
Regional Director
Central Asia

AGREED:

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

By: Authorized Representative

Name: Rustam Azimov

Title: First Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance

Date: 20 February 2013
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Mrs. G. Saidova, Minister of Economy and Governor to the World Bank
Mr. T. Shirinov, Minister of Public Education
Mr. A. Kuchkarov, Deputy Minister of Finance
Mr. U. Abruev, Deputy Minister of Public Education & Curator of BEP 2
Mr. R. Gulyamov, Executive Director, Fund for the Reconstruction and Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Alternate Governor to the World Bank
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Mr. D. Boltabaev, Local Consultant on Project Coordination
Mr. J. Frieden, Executive Director, the World Bank
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