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Excellency:

Republic of Congo:  IDA Credit No. 5357-CG
(Health System Strengthening Project II)
Additional Instructions: Disbursement

I refer to the Financing Agreement between the International Development Association (the “Association”) and the Republic of Congo (the “Recipient”) for the above-referenced project of even date herewith. The Agreement provides that the Association may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of the proceeds of financing 5357-CG (“Financing”). This letter (“Disbursement Letter”), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

The attached *World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects*, dated May 1, 2006, (“Disbursement Guidelines”) (Attachment 1), are an integral part of the Disbursement Letter. The manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to the Financing is specified below. Sections and subsections in parentheses below refer to the relevant sections and subsections in the Disbursement Guidelines and, unless otherwise defined in this letter, the capitalized terms used have the meanings ascribed to them in the Disbursement Guidelines.

I. Disbursement Arrangements

*(i) Disbursement Methods (section 2).* The following Disbursement Methods may be used under the Financing:

- Reimbursement
- Advance
- Direct Payment
- Special Commitment

*(ii) Disbursement Deadline Date (subsection 3.7).* The Disbursement Deadline Date is 4 months after the Closing Date specified in the Financing Agreement. Any changes to this date will be notified by the Association.

*(iii) Disbursement Conditions (subsection 3.8).* There are no disbursement conditions.
II. Withdrawal of Financing Proceeds

(i) Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1).
An authorized signatory letter in the Form attached (Attachment 2) should be furnished to the Association at the address indicated below providing the name(s) and specimen signature(s) of the official(s) authorized to sign Applications:

Banque Mondiale
Boulevard Sassou Nguesso
2ème étage, Immeuble BDEAC
BP.:14536
Brazzaville CONGO
Attention: Mr. Eustache Ouayoro,
Country Director

(ii) Applications (subsections 3.2 - 3.3). Please provide completed and signed: (a) applications for withdrawal, together with supporting documents, and (b) applications for special commitments, together with a copy of the commercial bank letter of credit, to the address indicated below:

The World Bank,
Loan Department,
Delta Center, 13th Floor,
Menengai Road, Upper Hill,
Nairobi,
Kenya.
Contact Telephone number: +254 20 2936 000.

(iii) Electronic Delivery (subsection 3.4) The Association may permit the Recipient to electronically deliver to the Association Applications (with supporting documents) through the Association’s Client Connection, web-based portal. The option to deliver Applications to the Association by electronic means may be effected if: (a) the Recipient has designated in writing, pursuant to the terms of subparagraph (i) of this Section, its officials who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications and to receive secure identification credentials (“SIDC”) from the Association for the purpose of delivering such Applications by electronic means; and (b) all such officials designated by the Recipient have registered as users of Client Connection. If the Association agrees, the designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through Client Connection (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org). The Recipient may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The Association reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Recipient.

(iv) Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC to Process Applications. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the authorized signatory letter its agreement to: (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation (“Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials”) provided in Attachment 3; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

(v) Minimum Value of Applications (subsection 3.5). The Minimum Value of Applications is twenty percent of the Designated Account Ceiling.
(vi) Advances (sections 5 and 6).

- **Type of Designated Account (subsection 5.3):** Pooled (cf. Section IV of this Letter)
- **Currency of Designated Account (subsection 5.4):** CFAF
- **Financial Institution at which the Designated Account Will Be Opened (subsection 5.5):** Credit du Congo

**Ceiling (subsection 6.1):** CFAF 350 million (cf. Section IV of this Letter)

III. Reporting on Use of Financing Proceeds

(i) **Supporting Documentation (section 4).** Supporting documentation should be provided with each application for withdrawal as set out below:

- **For requests for Reimbursement:**
  - Statement of Expenditure in the form attached (Attachment 4) for all other expenditures / contracts; and
  - List of payments against contracts that are subject to the World Bank’s prior review, in the form attached (Attachment 5)

- **For reporting eligible expenditures paid from the Designated Account:**
  - Statement of Expenditure in the form attached (Attachment 4) for all other expenditures / contracts; and
  - Customized Statement of Expenditure in the form attached (Attachment 7) for Performance Based Financing Grants under Category (1) and Category (2)
  - List of payments against contracts that are subject to the World Bank’s prior review, in the form attached (Attachment 5)

- **For requests for Direct Payment:** records evidencing eligible expenditures, e.g., copies of receipts, supplier invoices

(ii) **Frequency of Reporting Eligible Expenditures Paid from the Designated Account (subsection 6.3):** monthly.

(iii) **Other Supporting Documentation Instructions:**

Please attach bank statements and a Designated Account Reconciliation Statement (Attachment 6) to each application for advances to the Designated Account.

All other supporting documentation for SOEs should be retained by the project management or Recipient and must be made available for review by periodic World Bank missions and internal and external auditors.

IV. Other Disbursement Information

A pooled Designated Account will be used to comingle proceeds of this IDA Credit and the Multi Donor Trust Fund for Health Results Innovation (MDTF- HRI) Grant No. TF015744 and to jointly finance expenditures for all project components in the pro-rata share of their contribution to the cost of the each component.
The proceeds of the IDA Credit as well as the MDTF-HRI grant will be advanced into the “pooled” DA. A combined fixed ceiling of CFAF 700 million has been determined and will be allocated to each financing source as follows: CFAF 350 million for IDA and CFAF 350 million for the trust fund.

V. Other Important Information


From the Client Connection website, you will be able to download Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Grant, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information.

If you have not already done so, the World Bank recommends that you register as a user of the Client Connection website (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org). From this website you will be able to download Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Grant, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. All Recipient officials authorized to sign and deliver Applications by electronic means are required to register with Client Connection before electronic delivery can be affected. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, please contact the World Bank by email at <clientconnection@worldbank.org>.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact Aissatou Diallo, Sr. Finance Officer at LOAAFR@worldbank.org using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Eustache Olayo
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Attachments
1. World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006
2. Form for Authorized Signatures
4. Statement Of Expenditures (SOEs)
5. Form of “Payments against contracts subject to the World Bank’s prior review”
6. Designated Account Reconciliation Statement
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