Ms. Phedra Moon Morris  
Head of Cooperation  
House 256m Street, Wazir Akbar Khan  
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Dear Ms. Phedra  

AFGHANISTAN  
Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (Ref: TF050576)  
Fifty-third Amendment to Letter Agreement  

We refer to the Letter Agreement dated September 11, 2002, between the Government of Canada, on the one part, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the International Development Association (collectively, the “Bank”), on the other part, as amended to date (the “Letter Agreement”), pursuant to which the Government of Canada has made available to the Bank, through Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (“DFATD”), the aggregate sum of six hundred seventy eight million six hundred fifty thousand Canadian dollars (CAD$678,650,000), as a grant for the purpose of contributing to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (“ARTF”).  

We also refer to amendment no.52 dated March 19, 2014 whereby changes were made to reflect the amalgamation of Canadian International Development Agency and Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade into DFATD further to the communication from the Director, International Financial Institutions Division, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Canada, dated January 31, 2014.  

We acknowledge the intention of the Government of Canada, through DFATD, to increase its contribution to the ARTF by an additional ten million Canadian dollars (CAD$10,000,000), (such amount, the “Additional Contribution”). After the Additional Contribution has been received by the Bank, the aggregate contribution to the Trust Fund will be six hundred eighty eight million six hundred fifty thousand Canadian dollars (CAD$688,650,000).  

In accordance with paragraph 7(a) of the Annex to the Letter Agreement, the undesignated contribution will be allocated among Categories (including ad-hoc payments processed through the Recurrent and Capital Expenditures Category), as set out in paragraph 4 of the Annex to the Letter Agreement, in accordance with the decisions of the Management Committee.  

The Additional Contribution may involve the carrying out of projects and/or sub-projects which may constitute a “project(s)” within the meaning of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (“CEAA”). In such cases, the Bank will use its own environmental process to ensure that an assessment of the environmental effects of such projects is carried out. When assessments of environmental effects are required, the Bank will supply DFATD with copies of
the assessment reports on an annual basis, or such times as may be agreed between the Bank and DFATD.

Following confirmation of this amendment to the Letter Agreement by you, DFATD will deposit the Additional Contribution i.e. ten million Canadian dollars (CAD$10,000,000), into bank account designated by the Bank. Upon receipt of the funds, the Bank will convert them into United States dollars.

All the terms and conditions of the Letter Agreement that have not been amended hereby shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

We propose that this amendment to the Letter Agreement shall, upon confirmation in the manner indicated below, constitute an agreement between the Government of Canada and the Bank, and shall become effective on the date of signature of both parties. It is the Bank’s policy to make publicly available the Agreement and any information related thereto, including this amendment. By confirming below, Government of Canada consents to disclosure of this amendment letter after it has become effective.

Sincerely yours,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Robert J. Saum
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South Asia Region

CONFIRMED AND AGREED:
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

By: Ms. Phedra Moon Morris
Head of Cooperation
Date: 05/01/2015