H. E. Sidi Ould Tah
Minister of Economic Affairs and Development
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BP 238
Nouakchott, Mauritania

Re: Islamic Republic of Mauritania: JSDF Grant for the Sustainable Livelihoods for Returnees and Host Communities in the Senegal River Valley Project
Grant No. TF016495

Excellency:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (the Recipient), I am pleased to inform you that the International Development Association ("World Bank"), as administrator of grant funds provided by Japan ("Donor") under the Japan Social Development Fund, proposes to extend to the Recipient a grant in an amount not to exceed two million eight hundred fifty thousand United States Dollars (U.S.$2,850,000) ("Grant") on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this letter agreement ("Agreement"), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in the financing of the project described in the Annex ("Project").

This Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the Donor. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions (as defined in the Annex to this Agreement), the World Bank’s payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the Donor under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement.

Please confirm the Recipient’s agreement with the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed copy of this Agreement, and return it to the World Bank. Upon receipt by the World Bank of this countersigned copy, this Agreement shall become effective as of the date of the notice of effectiveness from the World Bank to the Recipient, confirming in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.02 of the Annex to this Agreement.
Agreement that the World Bank has accepted the supporting documents provided by the Recipient to the World Bank to establish that the conditions of effectiveness listed in Section 4.01 of the Annex to this Agreement have been satisfied.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

[Signature]
Mociar Thiam
Country Manager for Mauritania
Africa Region

AGREED:

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

By: [Signature]

Authorized Representative

Name: [Signature]

Title: Ministre des Affaires Economique et du Developpement

Date: [Signature]

Enclosures:

(2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006
(3) "Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants", dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011
(5) "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers", dated January 2011
Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. **Standard Conditions.** The Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank Out of Various Funds dated February 15, 2012 ("Standard Conditions") constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

1.02. **Definitions.** Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions or in this Agreement; and the following additional terms have the following meanings:

(a) "ANLSESILP" and "Project Implementing Entity" each means Agence Nationale TADAMOUN de Lutte contre les Séquelles de l’Esclavage, de l’Insertion et de Lutte contre la Pauvreté established in 2008 by presidential decree as an autonomous agency under the Recipient’s ministry of interior.

(b) "Beneficiary" means selected community-based organizations of the Targeted Communities (hereinafter defined) subject to receive a Sub-grant under the Project.

(c) "Brakna" means a region of the Senegal River Valley area.

(d) "Displaced Person" means a person who, on account of the execution of the Project, has experienced or would experience direct economic and social impacts caused by: (i) the involuntary taking of land, resulting in: (A) relocation or loss of shelter, (B) loss of assets or access to assets, or (C) loss of income sources or means of livelihood, whether or not such person must move to another location; or (ii) the involuntary restriction to access to legally designated parks and protected areas, resulting in adverse impacts on the livelihood of such persons; and "Displaced Persons" means more than one Displaced Person.

(e) "Environmental Management Plan" and "EMP" each means, the environmental management plan, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, to be prepared by the Recipient in accordance with the ESMF, and giving details of measures to manage potential environmental risks and mitigate, reduce and/or offset adverse environmental impacts associated with the implementation of such activities, together with adequate institutional, monitoring and reporting arrangements capable of ensuring proper implementation of, and regular feedback on compliance with, its terms, as any such plan may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time with prior written approval of the World Bank.

(f) "Environmental and Social Management Framework" and “ESMF” each means the Environmental and Social Management Framework adopted by the Recipient, dated November 15, 2013, defining the set of mitigation, enhancement, monitoring, and institutional measures to be taken during implementation of the Project to eliminate any adverse environmental and social impacts, offset them, reduce them to acceptable levels, or to enhance positive impacts of the Project activities.

(g) "M&E" means monitoring and evaluation.
(h) "Project Operational Manual" means the manual to be adopted by Recipient, including, *inter alia*, financial management and procurement policies and procedures and implementation arrangements, as the same may be revised from time to time with the prior approval of the World Bank.

(i) "Pest Management Plan" and "PMP" each means the plan dated October 28, 2013 prepared in accordance with Section 2.03(f) of this Annex, which shall outline the measures to be taken for development and implementation of pest management and safe handling of pesticides in the course of Project implementation.

(j) "Resettlement Action Plan" and "RAP" each means the resettlement action plan, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, to be prepared by the Recipient in accordance with the RPF, and giving details of the specific actions, measures and policies designed to facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the RPF, along with the procedural and institutional measures needed to implement such actions, measures and policies.


(l) "Safeguard Documents" means collectively the Project Environmental and Social Management Framework, Environmental Management Plan, the Resettlement Policy Framework, the Resettlement Action Plan, and the Pest Management Plan prepared or to be prepared for specific activities to be carried out under the Project, if any.

(m) "Sub-grant" means a grant made by the Recipient to a Sub-project Beneficiary out of the proceeds of the Grant for the financing and carrying out of a Sub-project pursuant to the provisions set forth in the Project Operational Manual.

(n) "Sub-grant Agreement" means an agreement to be entered into between the Recipient and a Beneficiary for the financing of a Sub-project, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.03 (k) of this Annex.

(o) "Sub-project" means an activity under Part A.1(i) and Part A.3(i) of the Project, to be financed out of the proceeds of a Sub-grant.

(p) "Targeted Communities" means Brakna and Trarza.

(q) "Trarza" means a region of the Senegal River Valley area.

(r) "UNHCR" means the United Nations Agency mandated to protect and support refugees in their voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement to a third country.

**Article II**

**Project Execution**

2.01. *Project Objectives and Description*. The objectives of the Project are to improve access to livelihood support for returnees and host communities and to enhance conflict prevention and risk
management mechanisms in Brakna and Trarza in the Senegal River Valley area. The Project consists of the following parts:

Part A. Improved Livelihood Opportunities

Support the creation of a more comprehensive and diversified set of rural income generating opportunities, with emphasis on women and youth through:

1. Reduction of food insecurity by: (i) providing small grants for livestock re-stocking, pest control, seeds and fertilizers; (ii) introducing light agricultural equipment such as hoes, watering cans, rakes in the agricultural inputs stores; (iii) providing additional support to selected vulnerable households through the pilot restocking program; (iv) facilitating access to veterinary services and establishing livestock feeding centers; and (v) designing and constructing small pilot irrigation systems, affordable and appropriate to the needs of the Targeted Communities.

2. Support the complementary vocational training and income-generating activities through: (i) market gardening, enterprise and marketing on farm and non-farm activities focusing on food processing methodologies and techniques to promote agribusiness and small-scale markets, production enhancement and marketing strategies; (ii) small scale start-up inputs; (iii) the carrying out of a rapid assessment of options for the communities’ access to sustainable financing.

3. Strengthening community structures in Targeted Communities by: (a) enhancing the capacity of selected community based organizations through: (i) the provision of Sub-grants to a selected number of Beneficiaries; (ii) provision of training on setting-up and managing associations, access to credit and commercialization; and (ii) the provision of necessary complementary functional literacy and numeracy education; and (b) the development and dissemination of information material on issues of crucial interest to the communities as land tenure and conflict resolution.

Part B. Project Management and Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

Carrying out a program of activities to support Project management and administration, participatory Project M&E and dissemination of results and lessons learned, including:

1. Establishment of: (a) a Project support unit, comprising a small management and technical team to provide overall Project coordination and oversight in collaboration with ANLSESILP and existing institutional structures; (b) a steering committee comprising of representatives of ANLSESILP, UNHCR, local authorities and a civil society representative ("Steering Committee") to ensure the sound coordination of: (i) interventions; (ii) involvement of all key stakeholders; and (iii) national ownership of the pilot Project.

2. Carrying out a program of activities to support Project M&E through: (a) the setting up of a participatory community based project monitoring and evaluation system to assess the performance of the grant in meeting its objectives; (b) the carrying out of an impact evaluation, including a comparison between villages that benefitted from Project interventions and villages that did not; (c) the dissemination of results and lessons learned from Project implementation; and (d) the provision of training and dissemination of information on the development and application of participatory M&E systems.
2.02. **Project Execution Generally.** The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall cause the Project to be carried out by ANLSESILP ("Project Implementing Entity") in accordance with: (a) the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) the "Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants", dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011 ("Anti-Corruption Guidelines"); and (c) this Article II.

2.03. **Institutional and Other Arrangements.** Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.02 above:

**Subsidiary Agreement**

(a) The Recipient shall make the proceeds of the Grant available to the Project Implementing Entity on a grant basis under a subsidiary agreement between the Recipient and the Project Implementing Entity, under terms and conditions approved by the World Bank ("Subsidiary Agreement"), including the following: the Project Implementing Entity shall:
   (i) carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, economic, financial, managerial, environmental and social standards and practices satisfactory to the World Bank, including the Anti-Corruption Guidelines; (ii) provide, promptly as needed, the resources required for the purpose; (iii) procure the goods and services to be financed out of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; (iv) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate in accordance with indicators acceptable to the World Bank, the progress of the Project and the achievement of its objectives; (v) (A) maintain a financial management system and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the World Bank, both in a manner adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Project; and (B) at the World Bank’s or the Recipient’s request, have such financial statements audited by independent auditors acceptable to the World Bank, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the World Bank, and promptly furnish the statements as so audited to the Recipient and the World Bank; (vi) enable the Recipient and the World Bank to inspect the Project, its operation and any relevant records and documents; and (vii) prepare and furnish to the Recipient and the World Bank all such information as the Recipient or the World Bank shall reasonably request relating to the foregoing.

(b) The Recipient shall obtain rights adequate to protect its interests and those of the World Bank and shall perform its obligations and exercise said rights under the Subsidiary Agreement in such a manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the World Bank and to accomplish the purposes of the Grant. Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Subsidiary Agreement or any of its provisions.

**Manual**

(c) The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to prepare and adopt an operational manual ("Project Operational Manual") for the Project, satisfactory in form and substance to the World Bank, consisting of different schedules setting forth, respectively, rules, methods, guidelines, specific development plans, standard documents and procedures for the carrying out of the Project, including the following:
(i) the description of Project implementation activities, their sequencing and
the prospective timetable and benchmarks in relation thereto;

(ii) the Project administrative, financial, accounting, auditing, procurement
and disbursement procedures, including all relevant standard documents and the procurement
thresholds in respect of the procurement methods set forth in Section 2.05 of this Annex and all
associated reviews by the World Bank under this Project;

(iii) the overview of planned capacity building and training activities,
including workshops and study tours, to be carried out for purposes of the Project;

(iv) the final form of the interim unaudited financial reports and Financial
Statements for the Project and the terms of reference for the financial audits of the Project;

(v) the plan for the monitoring, evaluation and supervision of the Project,
including all technical, environmental, and social aspects in relation thereto;

(vi) the eligibility criteria and procedures for the financing of the Sub-
projects; and

(vii) the performance indicators for the Project.

(d) The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to: (i) maintain the
Project Operational Manual throughout Project implementation; (ii) take all measures necessary
to ensure that the Project is carried out in conformity with the Project Operational Manual; and
(iii) only amend the Project Operational Manual, from time to time, with the Recipient’s and the
World Bank’s prior consent. Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall
ensure that the Project Implementing Entity does not amend, abrogate, waive or fail to enforce the
Project Operational Manual or any respective provisions thereof.

(e) In the event of a conflict between any provision of the Project Operational
Manual and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

Safeguards

(f) The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the
provisions of the ESMF, RPF, PMP and where applicable, the EMPs and RAPs.

(g) The Recipient shall ensure that, if any activities proposed for inclusion under the
Project would, pursuant to the ESMF, require the adoption of an EMP, such activities shall not be
implemented unless and until an EMP: (i) is prepared, in accordance with the ESMF and
furnished to the World Bank for review and approval; and (ii) is disclosed as required by the
ESMF and approved by the World Bank. If a RAP would be required for any activities proposed
for inclusion under the Project on the basis of the RPF, the Recipient shall: (i) cause the Project
Implementing Entity to prepare said RAP in accordance with the requirements of the RPF,
disclose it locally and furnish it to the World Bank; and (ii) ensure that no works for said
activities shall be commenced until: (A) all measures required to be taken under said RAP prior to
the initiation of said activities have been taken; (B) the Recipient has prepared and furnished to
the World Bank a report in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, on the status of
compliance with the requirements of said RAP; and (C) the World Bank has confirmed that said activities may be commenced.

(h) Without limitation upon its other reporting obligations under this Agreement, the Recipient shall regularly collect, compile and submit to the World Bank, on a semi-annual basis, reports on the status of compliance with the Safeguard Documents, giving details of: (a) measures taken in furtherance of the Safeguard Documents; (b) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the smooth implementation of the Safeguard Documents; and (c) remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions.

(i) In the event that any provision of the Safeguard Documents shall conflict with any provision under this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

Sub-projects

(j) The Recipient shall, for the implementation of Part A.1(i) and Part A.3(i) of the Project, cause the Project Implementing Entity to make Sub-grants to Beneficiaries for the financing of Sub-projects, in accordance with eligibility criteria and procedures acceptable to the World Bank as set forth in the Project Operational Manual.

(k) The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to make each Sub-grant under a Sub-grant Agreement with the respective Beneficiary on terms and conditions approved by the World Bank, which shall include the following:

(1) The Project Implementing Entity shall agree to provide a Sub-grant in the form of a non-reimbursable grant denominated in US dollar and not exceeding $20,000 to the Beneficiary for the financing of the activities to be carried out by the Beneficiary as part of the Sub-project, as defined in the Project Operational Manual; and

(2) The Project Implementing Entity shall obtain rights adequate to protect the Recipient's interests and those of the World Bank, including the right to: (i) suspend or terminate the right of the Beneficiary to use the proceeds of the Sub-grant, or obtain a refund of all or any part of the amount of the Sub-grant, upon the Beneficiary's failure to perform any of its obligations under the Sub-grant Agreement; and (ii) require each Beneficiary to: (A) carry out its Sub-project with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, economic, financial, managerial, procurement standards and practice satisfactory to the World Bank, including the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines applicable to recipients of Grant proceeds other than the Recipient, and the Project Operational Manual; (B) as the case may be, provide, promptly as needed, the resources required for the Sub-project; (C) enable to monitor and evaluate the progress of the Sub-project and the achievement of its objectives in accordance with indicators acceptable with the World Bank; (D) maintain an adequate accounting system to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Sub-project; (E) enable the Recipient and the World Bank to inspect the Sub-project, its operation and any relevant records and documents; and (F) prepare and furnish to the Recipient and the World Bank all such information as the Recipient or the World Bank shall reasonably request relating to the foregoing.
The Recipient shall, through the Project Implementing Entity, exercise its rights under each Sub-grant Agreement in such a manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the World Bank and to accomplish the purposes of the Grant. Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to refrain from assigning, amending, abrogating, waiving or failing to enforce any Sub-grant Agreement or any of its provisions.

Other

(m) The Recipient shall, not later than four (4) months after the Effective Date, cause the Project Implementing Entity to recruit and maintain, throughout Project implementation, an accountant with competence and qualifications satisfactory to the World Bank.

2.04 Financial Management. (a) The Recipient shall maintain or cause to be maintained a financial management system in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than one (1) month after the end of each calendar semester, covering the semester, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

(c) The Recipient shall ensure that the Project Implementing Entity have the Project Implementing Entity’s Financial Statements for the Project audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Each audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one (1) fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

2.05 Procurement

(a) General. All goods, works and consultants’ services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in:

(i) Section I of the “Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 (“Procurement Guidelines”), in the case of goods, works and non-consulting services;

(ii) Sections I and IV of the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”), in the case of consultants’ services; and

(iii) the provisions of this Section, as the same shall be elaborated in the procurement plan prepared and updated from time to time by the Recipient for the Project in accordance with paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines (“Procurement Plan”).
(b) **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used in the following paragraphs of this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the World Bank of particular contracts, refer to the corresponding method described in Sections II and III of the Procurement Guidelines, or Sections II, III, IV and V of the Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

(c) **Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods and Works**

(i) Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, goods and works shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.

(ii) The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods and works for those contracts specified in the Procurement Plan:

A. National Competitive Bidding, subject to the following additional provisions:

   a. Each bidding document and contract financed out of the proceeds of the Financing or funded from the funds pooled in Project Account A shall provide that: (a) the bidders, suppliers, contractors and their subcontractors, agents, personnel, consultants, service providers, or suppliers shall permit the World Bank, at its request, to inspect all accounts, records and other documents relating to the submission of bids and contract performance, and to have said accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the World Bank; and (b) the deliberate and material violation of such provision may amount to an obstructive practice as defined in paragraph 1.16 (a)(v) of the Procurement Guidelines.

   b. Eligible bidders, including foreign bidders, shall be allowed to participate.

   c. No domestic preference shall be given to domestic contractors and to domestically manufactured goods.

   d. Bidders shall be given adequate response time (at least four weeks) to submit bids from the date of the invitation to bid or the date of availability of bidding documents, whichever is later.

   e. If bidders are authorized to submit an alternative bid with or without a bid for the base case, the bids offered for alternatives meeting the specified requirements shall be evaluated on their own merits.

   f. Bids are awarded to the bidder with the lowest bid evaluated proven this bidder is qualified.

   g. If the bid resulting in the lowest evaluated bid price appears to be seriously unbalanced or front-loaded in the opinion of the Employer, the Employer may require that the amount of the performance security be increased at the expense of the Bidder at a level
sufficient to protect the Employer against financial loss in the event of defaults of the successful Bidder under the Contract.

h. Provisions related to the use of merit point shall not apply.

i. Less than three bids submitted shall not be considered as a reason for re-bidding.

j. The evaluated lowest Bidder shall be authorized to complete administrative statement proof.

k. The lack of anonymity of any offer shall not be a reason for rejection of the offer.

l. A newly created firm shall not qualify based on the experience of its management staff.

(B) Shopping;

(C) Direct Contracting;

(D) Community Participation procedures which have been found acceptable to the World Bank.

(d) Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services

(i) Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, consultants’ services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.

(ii) The following methods may be used for the procurement of consultants’ services for those assignments which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) Quality-based Selection; (B) Selection under a Fixed Budget; (C) Least Cost Selection; (D) Selection based on Consultants’ Qualifications; (E) Single-source Selection of consulting firms; (F) Selection of Individual Consultants; and (G) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.

(e) Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions. The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the World Bank’s Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the World Bank.

Article III
Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

3.01. Eligible Expenditures. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (i) Article III of the Standard Conditions; (ii) this Section; and (iii) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient
(including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the following table. The table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant ("Category"), the allocations of the amounts of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in U.S. $)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>(1) Consultants' services, for the Project other than Parts A.1(i) and A.3(i)</td>
<td>412,700</td>
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<td>(2) Training for the Project other than Parts A.1(i) and A.3(i)</td>
<td>512,700</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(3) Goods and works for the Project other than Parts A.1(i) and A.3(i)</td>
<td>35,800</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(4) Sub-grants under Parts A.1(i) and A.3(i)</td>
<td>1,849,300</td>
<td>100% of amounts disbursed</td>
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<td>(5) Operating Costs for the Project other than Parts A.1(i) and A.3(i)</td>
<td>39,500</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>2,850,000</td>
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For the purposes of this Section: (i) the term “Training” means training conducted in the territory of the Recipient, including purchase and publication of materials, rental of facilities, course fees, and travel and subsistence of trainees; and (ii) the term “Operating Costs” means any reasonable operating costs required for the Project including consumable materials and supplies, communications, mass media and printing services, vehicle rental, operation and maintenance, charges for the opening and operation of bank accounts required for the Project, and travel, lodging and per diems, but excluding salaries of officials of the Recipient's civil service.

3.02. Withdrawal Conditions. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.

3.03. Withdrawal Period. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is four years after the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.