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Senior Secretary Mohammad Mejbahuddin
Economic Relations Division
Ministry of Finance
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Dhaka

Dear Senior Secretary Mejbahuddin:

***Bangladesh: Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Wildlife Protection in Asia Project
(Credit No. 4909-BD)
Amendment to Financing Agreement***

I refer to the Financing Agreement dated June 2, 2011 between the People's Republic of Bangladesh (the "Recipient") and the International Development Association (the "Association") for the above-referenced Project (the "Financing Agreement"). I also refer to your letter dated August 13, 2015, requesting an amendment to the Financing Agreement.

I am pleased to inform you that after due consideration, the Association has agreed with your request and hereby proposes to amend the Financing Agreement as follows:

1. Part B.1 of the Project Description in Schedule 1 (Virtual regional center of excellence for wildlife conservation) is amended to read as follows:

"1. Knowledge sharing system for the Bangladesh Forestry Department for wildlife conservation

Establishment of a knowledge sharing system for the Bangladesh Forestry Department for wildlife conservation through the: (a) establishment of a visual communications system in BFD with connections to a national network of divisional forest offices; and (b) upgrading of the BFD resource information management system."

2. The withdrawal table in Section IV.A.2 of Schedule 2 is amended to read as follows:

Category	Amount of the Credit Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, works, consultants' services, Training and Workshops, and Operating Costs (For all Parts of the Project, excluding Part B.2)	12,110,913	100%
(2) Goods, works, consultants' services, Training and Workshops, and Operating Costs (For Part B.2 of the Project)	10,775,000	100%

Cancellation as of March 15, 2015	14,087	
TOTAL AMOUNT	22,900,000	

3. The performance indicators referred to in Section II.A of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement are hereby amended to reflect those set out in the Attachment to this letter.
4. The definition of the term "Operating Costs" in Section I of the Appendix to the Financing Agreement is amended to read as follows:


"15. "Operating Costs" means the reasonable costs incurred on account of the implementation of the Project for office utilities, office supplies and stationeries, operation and maintenance of equipment and vehicles, fuel, vehicle rental, travel costs, office rental, bank charges, advertising costs, honoraria and allowances for contracted staff agreed with the Association and in accordance with the Recipient's standard scale, provided that such costs are paid directly to the eligible recipient using the banking system (except for petty cash expenses following Recipient's existing policies) but excluding salaries and related allowances of the Recipient's civil servants."

Except as specifically amended by this amendment letter, all other provisions of the Financing Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.


Please confirm your agreement to the amendments set out above by having an authorized representative of the Recipient sign and date the form of confirmation on the enclosed duplicate original of this letter and returning it to us for our files. Upon receipt of the copy of this letter countersigned on behalf of the Recipient, this amendment letter shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By 
 Iffath A. Sharif
 Acting Country Director

Confirmed and agreed:
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

Signature: 
 Name: KAZI SHOFIQUUL AZAM
 Title: ADDL. SECRETARY.
 Date: 28.1.2016

cc: Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Secretary in charge, Ministry of Environment and Forests
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ATTACHMENT

**Key Performance Indicators
Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Wildlife Protection in Asia**

Progress towards the development of regional interventions for addressing illegal wildlife trade and other conservation threats would be demonstrated by the following indicators, as further specified in the Operational Manual:

- A regional mechanism is developed and operational for addressing illegal wildlife trade and other conservation threats;
- Number of agreed knowledge products developed and shared among South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) countries on wildlife crime and/or wildlife conservation;
- Wildlife crime control institutions established in the three participating countries;
- Number of implemented pilot initiatives that address trans-boundary wildlife issues; and
- Number of activities contributing to tiger conservation.