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March 21, 2017

Mr. Vardan Aramyan
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
Yerevan, 0010, Melik Adamyan str. 1
Republic of Armenia

Dear Mr. Minister:

Re: Republic of Armenia ECASAT TF Grant No. TF0A4543
Implementation of the National Strategy Program for Strengthening of the National
Statistics System
Additional Instructions: Disbursement Letter

I refer to the Letter Agreement (“Agreement”) between the Republic of Armenia (“Recipient”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“World Bank”), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors (“Donor(s)”) under the Trust Fund to Support Statistical Capacity Building in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries, for the above-referenced project, dated March 21, 2017. The Agreement provides that the World Bank may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of the proceeds of Grant TF0A4543 (“Grant”). This letter (“Disbursement Letter”), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

The attached *World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing*, dated February 2017, (“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 Grant 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 Grant:

- Reimbursement
- Advance
- Direct Payment

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Washington, DC 20433, USA.
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(ii) Disbursement Deadline Date (subsection 3.7). The Disbursement Deadline Date is 4 months after the Closing Date specified in the Grant Agreement. Any changes to this date will be notified by the World Bank.

(iii) Disbursement Conditions (subsection 3.8). Please refer to the Withdrawal Condition(s) in Section 3.02 of the Grant Agreement.

II. Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

(i) Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1).

A letter in the Form attached (Attachment 2) should be furnished to the World Bank at the address indicated below providing the name(s) and specimen signature(s) of the official(s) authorized to submit Applications:

The World Bank
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20433
United States of America
Attention: [Country Director's Name] or [Authorized Signatory of Grant Agreement]

(ii) Applications (subsections 3.2- 3.3). Please provide completed applications for withdrawal, together with supporting documents, through the World Bank's Client Connection, web-based portal, following the instructions for electronic delivery. In the case the recipient does not have internet access, the World Bank may permit the delivery of applications for withdrawal, together with supporting documents, in accordance with subsection 3.3, to the following address:

The World Bank
Radnicka cesta 80/IX
10000 Zagreb, Croatia
Attention: Loan Department

(iii) Electronic Delivery (subsection 3.4) The World Bank 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 World Bank 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 World Bank 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 World Bank agrees, the World Bank will provide the Recipient with SIDC for the designated officials. Following which, 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 World Bank 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 accept 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 SIDC") provided in Attachment [3]; and (b)

to deliver the Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC to each such official and to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

(v) Minimum Value of Applications (subsection 3.5). The Minimum Value of Applications for Reimbursements and Direct Payments is USD 200,000

(vi) Advance (sections 5 and 6)

- **Type of Designated Account (subsection 5.3):** Segregated
- **Currency of Designated Account (subsection 5.4):** USD
- **Financial Institution at which the Designated Account Will Be Opened (subsection 5.5):** In the Single Treasury Account of the Ministry of Finance at the Central Bank of Republic of Armenia
- **Ceiling (subsection 6.1)** USD 500,000

III. Reporting on Use of Grant 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)
 - Records evidencing eligible expenditures (e.g., copies of receipts, supplier invoices) for payments against contracts/payments valued at USD 200,000 or more;
 - 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)
 - Records evidencing eligible expenditures (e.g., copies of receipts, supplier invoices) for payments against contracts/payments valued at USD 200,000 or more;
 - List of payments against contracts that are subject to the World Bank's prior review, in the form attached (Attachment 5); and,
 - A reconciliation of the Designated Account, in the form attached (Attachment 6), with a copy of the bank statement.
- **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): Quarterly or more often if required.

IV. Other Important Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Disbursement Handbook available on the World Bank's public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and its secure website "Client Connection" at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>. Print copies are available upon request.

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 LOA-TF by sending an email to loa-tf@worldbank.org and using the trust fund number as a reference.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT



Mercy Miyang Tembon
Regional Director
South Caucasus Regional Office
Europe and Central Asia Region

Attachments

- NA. 1. *World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, dated February 2017,*
2. Form for Authorized Signatures
3. *Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation, dated March 1, 2013*
4. Form of Statement of Expenditures
5. Form of Payments Against Contracts Subject to the World Bank's Prior Review
6. Designated Account Reconciliation Statement

cc: Mr. Stepan Mnatsakanyan, President, NSSRA
Mr. Edgar Avetyan, Executive Director, FPPMC
Mr. Frank Heemskerk, Executive Director, The World Bank

[Letterhead]
 Ministry of Finance
 [Street address]
 [City] [Country]

[DATE]

The World Bank
 1818 H Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20433
 United States of America

Attention: [Country Director]

Dear [Country Director]:

Republic of Armenia ECASTAT TF Grant No. TF0A4543
 Implementation of the National Strategy Program for Strengthening
 of the National Statistics System

I refer to the Grant Agreement (“Agreement”) between the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“World Bank”), acting as administrator of Trust Fund to Support Statistical Capacity Building in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries, and the Republic of Armenia (“Recipient”), dated _____, providing the above Grant. For the purposes of Section 3.04 (b) of the Standard Conditions, as defined in the Agreement, any [one] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appear below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient to sign applications for withdrawal under this Grant.

For the purpose of delivering Applications to the World Bank, ²[each] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appears below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient, acting ³[individually] ⁴[jointly], to deliver Applications, and evidence in support thereof on the terms and conditions specified by the World Bank.

⁵[This confirms that the Recipient is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the World Bank by electronic means. In full recognition that the World Bank shall rely upon such representations and warranties, including without limitation, the representations and warranties contained in the *Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to*

¹ Instruction to the Recipient when sending this letter to the World Bank: Stipulate if more than one person needs to sign Applications, and how many or which positions, and if any thresholds apply. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.*

² Instruction to the Recipient: Stipulate if more than one person needs to *jointly* sign Applications, if so, please indicate the actual number. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.*

³ Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket if any one of the authorized persons may sign; if this is not applicable, please delete. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.*

⁴ Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket only if several individuals must jointly sign each Application; if this is not applicable, please delete. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.*

⁵ Instruction to the Recipient: Add this paragraph if the Recipient wishes to authorize the listed persons to accept Tokens and to deliver Applications by electronic means; if this is not applicable, please delete the paragraph. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.*

Process Applications and Supporting Documentation (“Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC”), the Recipient represents and warrants to the World Bank that it will cause such persons to abide by those terms and conditions.]

This Authorization replaces and supersedes any Authorization currently in the World Bank records with respect to this Agreement.

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

Yours truly,

/ signed /

[Position]

**Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials
in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications
and Supporting Documentation**

March 1, 2013

The World Bank (Bank)⁶ will provide secure identification credentials (SIDC) to permit the Borrower⁷ to deliver applications for withdrawal and applications for special commitments under the Agreement(s) and supporting documentation (such applications and supporting documentation together referred to in these Terms and Conditions of Use as Applications) to the Bank electronically, on the terms and conditions of use specified herein.

SIDC can be either: (a) hardware-based (Physical Token), or (b) software-based (Soft Token). The Bank reserves the right to determine which type of SIDC is most appropriate.

A. Identification of Users

1. The Borrower will be required to identify in a completed Authorized Signatory Letter (ASL) duly delivered to and received by the Bank each person who will be authorized to deliver Applications. The Bank will provide SIDC to each person identified in the ASL (Signatory), as provided below. The Borrower shall also immediately notify the Bank if a Signatory is no longer authorized by the Borrower to act as a Signatory.
2. Each Signatory must register as a user on the Bank's Client Connection (CC) website (<https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>) prior to receipt of his/her SIDC. Registration on CC will require that the Signatory establish a CC password (CC Password). The Signatory shall not reveal his/her CC Password to anyone or store or record the CC Password in written or other form. Upon registration as a CC user, the Signatory will be assigned a unique identifying account name.

B. Initialization of SIDC

1. Prior to initialization of SIDC by a Signatory, the Signatory will acknowledge having read, understood and agreed to be bound by these Terms and Conditions of Use.
2. Where a Physical Token is to be used, promptly upon receipt of the Physical Token, the Signatory will access CC using his/her account name and CC Password and register his/her Physical Token and set a personal identification number (PIN) to be used in connection with the use of his/her Physical Token, after which the Physical Token will be initialized for use by the Signatory exclusively for purposes of delivering Applications. Where a Soft Token is to be used, the Signatory will access CC using his/her account name and CC Password and set a personal identification number (PIN) to be used in connection with the use of his/her Soft Token, after which

⁶ "Bank" includes IBRD and IDA.

⁷ "Borrower" includes the borrower of an IBRD loan, IDA credit, or Project Preparation Facility advance and the recipient of a grant.

the Soft Token will be initialized for use by the Signatory exclusively for purposes of delivering Applications. Upon initialization of the SIDC, the Signatory will be a "SIDC User". The Bank will maintain in its database a user account (Account) for each SIDC User for purposes of managing the SIDC of the SIDC User. Neither the Borrower nor the SIDC User will have any access to the Account.

3. Prior to first use of the SIDC by the SIDC User, the Borrower shall ensure that the SIDC User has received training materials provided by the Bank in use of the SIDC.

C. Use of SIDC

1. Use of the SIDC is strictly limited to use in the delivery of Applications by the SIDC User in the manner prescribed by the Bank in the Agreement(s) and these Terms and Conditions. Any other use of the SIDC is prohibited.
2. The Bank assumes no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any misuse of the SIDC by the SIDC User, other representatives of the Borrower, or third parties.
3. The Borrower undertakes to ensure, and represents and warrants to the Bank (such representation and warranty being expressly relied upon by the Bank in granting SIDC) that each SIDC User understands and will abide by, these Terms and Conditions of Use, including without limitation the following:

4. ***Security***

- 4.1. The SIDC User shall not reveal his/her PIN to anyone or store or record the PIN in written or other form.
- 4.2. The SIDC User shall not allow anyone else to utilize his/her SIDC to deliver an Application to the Bank.
- 4.3. The SIDC User shall always logout from CC when not using the system. Failure to logout properly can create a route into the system that is unprotected.
- 4.4. If the SIDC User believes a third party has learned his/her PIN or has lost his/her Physical Token he/she shall immediately notify clientconnection@worldbank.org.
- 4.5. The Borrower shall immediately notify the Bank at clientconnection@worldbank.org of any lost, stolen or compromised SIDC, and take other reasonable steps to ensure such SIDC are disabled immediately.

5. ***Reservation of Right to Disable SIDC***

- 5.1. The Borrower shall reserve the right to revoke the authorization of a SIDC User to use a SIDC for any reason.
- 5.2. The Bank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to temporarily or permanently disable a SIDC, de-activate a SIDC User's Account or both.

6. ***Care of Physical Tokens***

- 6.1. Physical Tokens will remain the property of the Bank.
- 6.2. The Bank will physically deliver a Physical Token to each Signatory designated to receive one in a manner to be determined by and satisfactory to the Bank.
- 6.3. Physical Tokens contain delicate and sophisticated instrumentation and therefore should be handled with due care, and should not be immersed in liquids, exposed to extreme temperatures, crushed or bent. Also, Physical Tokens should be kept more than five (5) cm from devices that generate electromagnetic radiation (EMR), such as mobile phones, phone-enabled PDAs, smart phones and other similar devices. Physical Tokens should be carried and stored separate from any EMR device. At close range (less than 5 cm), these devices can output high levels of EMR that can interfere with the proper operation of electronic equipment, including the Physical Token.
- 6.4. Without derogating from these Terms and Conditions of Use, other technical instructions on the proper use and care of Physical Tokens are available at <http://www.rsa.com>.

7. ***Replacement***

- 7.1. Lost, damaged, compromised (in terms of 4.5, above) or destroyed Physical Tokens will be replaced at the expense of the Borrower.
- 7.2. The Bank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, not to replace any Physical Token in the case of misuse, or not to reactivate a SIDC User's Account.

Payments Made during Reporting Period**Against Contracts Subject to the World Bank's Prior Review**

Contract Number	Supplier	Contract Date	Contract Amount	Date of WB's Non Objection to Contract	Amount Paid to Supplier during Period	WB's Share of Amt Paid to Supplier during Period

DESIGNATED ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

TRUST FUND NUMBER _____ TF0A4543 _____

ACCOUNT NUMBER _____ WITH (BANK) _____

- 1. TOTAL ADVANCED BY WORLD BANK (OR COFINANCIER) \$ _____
- 2. LESS: TOTAL AMOUNT RECOVERED BY WORLD BANK - \$ _____
- 3. EQUALS PRESENT OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ADVANCED TO THE DESIGNATED ACCOUNT (NUMBER 1 LESS NUMBER 2) = \$ _____

4. BALANCE OF DESIGNATED ACCOUNT PER ATTACHED BANK STATEMENT AS OF DATE _____ \$ _____

5. PLUS: TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED IN THIS APPLICATION NO. _____ + \$ _____ *

6. PLUS: TOTAL AMOUNT WITHDRAWN AND NOT YET CLAIMED REASON: _____ + \$ _____ *

7. PLUS: AMOUNTS CLAIMED IN PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS NOT YET CREDITED AT DATE OF BANK STATEMENTS

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT *</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

SUBTOTAL OF PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS NOT YET CREDITED + \$ _____

8. MINUS: INTEREST EARNED - \$ _____ *

9. TOTAL ADVANCE ACCOUNTED FOR (NO. 4 THROUGH NO. 9) = \$ _____

10. EXPLANATION OF ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOTALS APPEARING ON LINES 3 AND 9:

11. DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
 TITLE: _____

* ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE INDICATED ON THE BANK STATEMENT