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August 7, 2014

Mr. Djime Adoum
Executive Secretary
Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel
03 BP 7049
Ouagadougou 03, Burkina Faso

Re: Advance Agreement for Preparation of Proposed Africa Regional
Sahel Pastoralism Support Project (PRAPS) Project
Preparation Advance No. Q925

Dear Sir/Madam:


In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (variously, "CILSS" or "Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Development Association ("World Bank") proposes to extend to the Recipient an advance out of the World Bank's Project Preparation Facility in an amount not to exceed nine hundred ninety nine thousand and forty Dollars (\$999,040) ("Advance") on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this letter agreement ("Agreement"), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in financing the activities described in the Annex ("Activities"). The objective of the Activities is to facilitate the preparation of a proposed project designed to Improve access to critical productive assets and services as well as to markets, for pastoral and agro-pastoral people in targeted areas across participating Sahel countries ("Project"), for the carrying out of which the Recipient has requested the World Bank's financial assistance.

The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that: (a) it understands that the provision of the Advance does not constitute or imply any commitment on the part of IBRD or IDA to assist in financing the Project; and (b) it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the Activities, repay the Advance and perform its other obligations under this Agreement, all in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

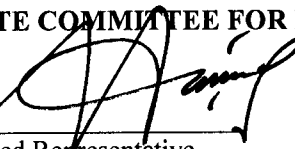
Please confirm the Recipient's agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed copy of this Agreement, and returning it to the World Bank. Upon receipt by the World Bank of this countersigned copy, this Agreement shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature; provided, however, that the offer

of this Agreement shall be deemed withdrawn if the World Bank has not received this countersigned copy within 90 days after the date of signature of this Agreement by the World Bank, unless the World Bank has established a later date for such purpose.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By 
Colin Bruce
Director, Regional Integration
Africa Region

AGREED:
INTERSTATE COMMITTEE FOR DROUGHT CONTROL IN THE SAHEL

By 
Authorized Representative
Name Djimie Adoum
Title Executive Secretary
Date: 8/8/2014

Enclosures:

- (1) "Standard Conditions for Advances Made by the World Bank under its Project Preparation Facility", dated July 31, 2010; and
- (2) Disbursement Letter for the Advance of the same date as this Agreement, together with "World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects", dated May 1, 2006.

Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. **Standard Conditions.** The Standard Conditions for Advances Made by the World Bank under its Project Preparation Facility dated July 31, 2010 (“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, including the Appendix to this Agreement.

- (a) “BRICKS PCU” means the project implementing unit, established pursuant the provisions of the World Bank financed BRICKS Project (GEF Grant No. TF014804), to be responsible for the day-to-day implementation of the Activities until the RPCU’s establishment.
- (b) “CILSS” or “Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel” means the international organization created pursuant to the convention dated September 12, 1973 and revised on April 22, 1994.
- (c) “Participating Sahel Countries” means the Burkina Faso, the Republic of Chad, the Republic of Mali, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the Republic of Niger, and the republic of Senegal.
- (d) “RPCU” or “Regional Project Coordinating Unit” means the unit to be established pursuant to paragraph 2.03 (a) of this Annex.

Execution of the Activities

2.01. **Description of the Activities.** The Activities for which the Advance is provided consist of the following parts:

- (a) Carrying out of: (i) a regional assessment of available pastoral infrastructure, (ii) a pastoral & agro-pastoral household revenue survey, and (iii) required environmental and social safeguard instruments for the Project.
- (b) Carrying out of support missions and field trips to coordinate the Project preparation work among the Participating Sahel Countries and at the regional level.
- (c) Provision of training on the fiduciary and safeguard aspects of the Project, and carrying out of knowledge sharing activities among the Participating Sahel Countries.

- (d) Acquisition of equipment required for the Activities.
- (e) Establishment and day-to-day operation of the RPCU, including the fiduciary and monitoring and evaluation activities, the financial audit of the Activities and the recruitment of staff required for the purpose.

2.02. **Execution of the Activities Generally.** The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Activities. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Activities in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Article II; and (c) 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.

2.03. **Institutional and Other Arrangements.** Without limitations upon paragraph 2.02 above, the Recipient shall:

- (a) establish and thereafter maintain throughout the implementation of the Activities, the RPCU with staffing, functions and resources satisfactory to the World Bank, vested with the responsibility of the day-to-day implementation of the Activities, including monitoring and evaluation, financial management and procurement;
- (b) ensure that the day-to-day implementation of the Activities be carried out by the BRICKS PCU until the RPCU’s establishment.

2.04. **Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation of the Activities.** The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Activities in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.08 of the Standard Conditions.

2.05. **Financial Management.** (a) The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.09 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that interim un-audited financial reports for the Activities are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than forty five days after the end of each calendar quarter, covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

(c) The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Sections 2.09 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Each such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient, commencing with the fiscal year in which the first withdrawal under the Advance was made. The audited Financial Statements for such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.

2.06. **Procurement**

(a) General. All goods, non-consulting services and consultants’ services required for the Activities and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Advance 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 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 Activities 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 Non-consulting Services

(i) Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, goods and non-consulting services 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 non-consulting services for those contracts specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) Limited International Bidding; (B) National Competitive Bidding , subject to the following additional provisions: the Recipient shall use the World Bank’s standard bidding documents or other bidding documents which shall have been found acceptable to the World Bank prior to their use; (C) Shopping; (D) procurement under Framework Agreements in accordance with procedures which have been found acceptable to the World Bank; (E) Direct Contracting; (F) Force Account; (G) Procurement from a UN Agency; (H) Well-established Private Sector Procurement Methods or Commercial Practices which have been found acceptable to the World Bank; (I) Procurement under Public Private Partnership Arrangements in accordance with procedures which have been found acceptable to the World Bank; and (J) 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 item (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: 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) Well-

established Private Sector Procurement Methods or Commercial Practices which have been found acceptable to the World Bank; (G) Selection of a UN Agency; (H) Selection of consultants under Indefinite Delivery Contract or Price Agreement; (I) Selection of Individual Consultants; and (J) 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 the Advance**

3.01. **Eligible Expenditures.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Advance in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) 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 each category of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Advance (“Category”), the amount of the Advance allocated to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

Category	Amount of the Advance Allocated (expressed in Dollars)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
Goods, Training, Operating costs, non-consulting services and consultants’ services under the Activities	999,040	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	999,040	

- (a) “Operating Costs” means the reasonable expenditures incurred by the Recipient to finance the Activities, 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 Activities, and travel, lodging and per diems, but excluding salaries of officials of the Recipient’s civil service.
- (b) “Training” means the reasonable costs associated with training, workshop and seminars participation under the Activities, consisting of travel and subsistence costs for training participants, costs (other than consulting services) associated with securing the services of trainers and presenters, rental of training facilities, translation and interpretation services, preparation and reproduction of training materials.

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. **Refinancing Date.** The Refinancing Date is September 1, 2015.

Article IV Terms of the Advance

4.01. **Service Charge.** The Recipient shall pay a service charge on the Withdrawn Advance Balance at the rate of three-fourths of one percent ($3/4$ of 1%) per annum. The service charge shall accrue from the respective dates on which amounts of the Advance are withdrawn and shall be paid in arrears in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.02 of this Agreement. Service charges shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

4.02. **Repayment.** The Withdrawn Advance Balance shall be repaid by the Recipient to the World Bank (together with any service charges accrued thereon) in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the Standard Conditions and the following provisions:

(a) **Refinancing under the Refinancing Agreement:** If, on or before the Refinancing Date, a Refinancing Agreement has been executed by all of its parties, then the full amount of the Withdrawn Advance Balance shall be repaid to the World Bank (together with any service charges accrued on the Advance to the date of repayment) as soon as the Refinancing Agreement becomes effective, by means of a withdrawal by the World Bank of an amount of the Refinancing Proceeds equivalent to the Withdrawn Advance Balance plus such service charges, in accordance with the provisions of the Refinancing Agreement.

(b) **Repayment in the absence of a Refinancing Agreement:** If, on or before the Refinancing Date, no Refinancing Agreement has been executed by all of its parties, or if, by such date or at any time thereafter, it has been so executed but terminates without becoming effective, then:

(i) if the amount of the Withdrawn Advance Balance does not exceed \$50,000, it shall be repaid by the Recipient to the World Bank (together with service charges accrued on the Withdrawn Advance Balance to the date of repayment) on such date as the World Bank shall specify in a notice to the Recipient, which shall in no event be earlier than 60 days following the date of dispatch of such notice; and

(ii) if the amount of the Withdrawn Advance Balance exceeds \$50,000, it (together with service charges accrued on the Withdrawn Advance Balance to the Notice Date) (the "Aggregate Balance") shall be paid by the Recipient to the World Bank in ten approximately equal semiannual installments, in the amounts and on the dates ("Payment Dates") which the World Bank shall specify in a notice to the Recipient. In no event shall the first Payment Date be set earlier than 60 days following the date ("Notice Date") of dispatch of such notice. The Recipient shall pay a service charge on the Aggregate Balance at the rate of three-fourths of one percent ($3/4$ of 1%) per annum, payable in arrears on each Payment Date. The service charge shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Article V
Additional Remedies

5.01. **Additional Events of Suspension.** The Additional Events of Suspension consist of the following:

(a) IBRD or IDA has declared the Recipient ineligible to receive proceeds of any financing made by IBRD or IDA or otherwise to participate in the preparation or implementation of any project financed in whole or in part by IBRD or IDA, as a result of a declaration by another financier that the Recipient is ineligible to receive proceeds of financings made by such financier or otherwise to participate in the preparation or implementation of any project financed in whole or in part by such financier as a result of a determination by such financier that the Recipient has engaged in fraudulent, corrupt, coercive or collusive practices in connection with the use of the proceeds of a financing made by such financier.

(b) The CILSS legislation has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of the CILSS to perform any of its obligations under the Agreement.

Article VI
Recipient's Representative; Addresses

6.01. **Recipient's Representative.** The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 9.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Executive Secretary.

6.02. **Recipient's Address.** The Recipient's Address referred to in Section 9.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel
03 BP 7049
Ouagadougou 03, Burkina Faso

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6.03. **World Bank's Address.** The World Bank's Address referred to in Section 9.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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APPENDIX 2

Modifications to the Standard Conditions

The modifications to the Standard Conditions Standard Conditions for Advances Made by the World Bank under its Project Preparation Facility dated July 31, 2010 are as follows (all references to Sections and the Appendix are to Sections of and the Appendix to said Standard Conditions):

A. Section 2.11 (a) is modified to read as follows:

“Section 2.11. (*Visits*) (a) The Recipient shall take all measures required on its part to enable the representatives of the World Bank to visit any part of any Member Country’s territory for purposes related to the Advance or the Activities.”

B. The expression “territory of the Recipient” or “its territory”, wherever used in Sections 3.06 (*Financing Taxes*), 4.07 (*Manner of Payment*) and 5.01 (*Financial and Economic Data*) is modified to read “territory of each Member Country”,

C. Section 6.02(h) (*Membership*) is deleted in its entirety, and the remaining paragraphs of Section 6.02 are renumbered accordingly.

D. The expression “Implementing Entity”, wherever used in Sections 6.02 (i) (*Condition of Implementing Entity*) and 6.02 (j) (*Ineligibility*), is modified to read “Recipient”.

E. A new paragraph (l) is added to Section 6.02 (*Suspension by the World Bank*) (and the existing paragraph (l) is renumbered as (m)) to read as follows:

“(a) *Interference*. Any Member Country has: (i) taken or permitted to be taken any action which would prevent or interfere with the execution of the Activities or the performance by the Recipient of its obligations under the Advance Agreement; or (ii) failed to afford a reasonable opportunity for representatives of the World Bank to visit any part of its territory for purposes related to the Advance or the Activities.”

F. A new definition is added to the Appendix to read as follows:

““Member Country” means the member of the World Bank in whose territory the Project is carried out or any of such member’s political or administrative subdivisions. If the Project is carried out in the territory of more than one member of the World Bank, “Member Country” refers separately to each such member.”

G. The definition of “Recipient” is modified to read as follows:

““Recipient” means the entity which is a party to the Advance Agreement and to which the Advance is extended.”