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Financing Agreement

(Programmatic Governance and Competitiveness Development Policy Operation)

between

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated July 20, 2016

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FINANCING AGREEMENT

Agreement dated July 20, 2016, entered into between KYRGYZ REPUBLIC (“Recipient”) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Association”) for the purpose of providing financing in support of the Program (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement). The Association has decided to provide this financing on the basis, *inter alia*, of: (a) the actions which the Recipient has already taken under the Program and which are described in Section I of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and (b) the Recipient’s maintenance of an adequate macroeconomic policy framework. The Recipient and the Association therefore hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

- 1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II — FINANCING

- 2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant and a credit (collectively, “Financing”) in the following amounts:
 - (a) an amount equivalent to seven million seven hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 7,700,000) (“Grant”); and
 - (b) an amount equivalent to nine million four hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 9,400,000) (“Credit”).
- 2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in support of the Program in accordance with Section II of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate payable by the Recipient on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance shall be one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.

- 2.04. The Service Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum.
- 2.05. The Payment Dates are June 15 and December 15 in each year.
- 2.06. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.07. The Payment Currency is Dollar.
- 2.08. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 4.08 of the General Conditions (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 3 of Section II of the Appendix to this Agreement and relating to *Cooperation and Consultation*), the Recipient shall promptly furnish to the Association such information relating to the provisions of this Article II as the Association may, from time to time, reasonably request.

ARTICLE III — PROGRAM

- 3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the Program and its implementation. To this end, and further to Section 4.08 of the General Conditions:
 - (a) the Recipient and the Association shall from time to time, at the request of either party, exchange views on the Recipient's macroeconomic policy framework and the progress achieved in carrying out the Program;
 - (b) prior to each such exchange of views, the Recipient shall furnish to the Association for its review and comment, a report on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program, in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request; and
 - (c) without limitation upon the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section, the Recipient shall promptly inform the Association of any situation that would have the effect of materially reversing the objectives of the Program or any action taken under the Program, including any action specified in Section I of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV — REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension consists of the following, namely that a situation has arisen which shall make it improbable that the Program, or a significant part of it, will be carried out.

- 4.02. The Additional Event of Acceleration consists of the following, namely that the event specified in Section 4.01 of this Agreement occurs.

ARTICLE V — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

- 5.01. The Additional Condition of Effectiveness consists of the Association being satisfied with the progress achieved by the Recipient in carrying out the Program and with the adequacy of the Recipient's macroeconomic policy framework.
- 5.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of this Agreement.
- 5.03. For purposes of Section 8.05 (b) of the General Conditions, the date on which the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement (other than those providing for payment obligations) shall terminate is twenty (20) years after the date of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

- 6.01. The Recipient's Representative is its Minister of Finance.
- 6.02. The Recipient's Address is:

Ministry of Finance
58 Erkindik Blvd.
Bishkek City, 720040
Kyrgyz Republic

Telex:	Facsimile:
245-156NUR KH	(996 312) 661645

- 6.03. The Association's Address is:


International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Telex:	Facsimile:
248423(MCI)	1-202-477-6391

AGREED at Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, as of the day and year first above written.

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC


By



Authorized Representative
Name: Asylbek Kasymaliev
Title: Minister of Finance

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By



Authorized Representative
Name: Aidai Bayalieva
Title: Acting Country Manager

SCHEDULE 1

Program Actions; Availability of Financing Proceeds

Section I. Actions Taken under the Program

1. The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has submitted the draft Law on Conflict of Interest to the Recipient's Parliament.
2. The Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic has issued a Regulation establishing an Independent Complaint Review Commission for public procurement.
3. The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has adopted service delivery standards for at least ninety (90) public services, including in the key areas of public education, social security and employment, and personal identification services.
4. The State Regulatory Agency of the Fuel and Energy Complex of the Kyrgyz Republic has adopted a Tariff Setting Methodology for heating sector companies.
5. The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has adopted a Resolution that institutes a new cash settlement mechanism between electricity generation, transmission and distribution companies that ensures that cash allocations are automatic and consistent with the tariffs approved by the State Regulatory Agency of the Fuel and Energy Complex.
6. The State Regulatory Agency of the Fuel and Energy Complex of the Kyrgyz Republic has adopted a Performance Reporting and Monitoring Framework for the heating sector.
7. The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has submitted to the Recipient's Parliament amendments to the Tax Code abolishing sales taxes for exporters.
8. The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has submitted to the Recipient's Parliament amendments to the Tax Code to: (i) streamline VAT administration, by eliminating paper-based VAT invoicing and assigning a range of numbers for invoicing; and (ii) introduce simplified procedures for VAT refund for trustworthy taxpayers.
9. The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has amended its Resolution, dated February 18, 2012, № 108 "On improving Risk Criteria for Inspections" to allow for less frequent inspections for entities with lower levels of risk.
10. The Ministry of Transport and Communication and the State Border Service Agency of the Kyrgyz Republic have adopted regulations in their respective areas

of responsibility setting forth the rules and procedures by which authorized telecommunications companies can deploy cross-border telecommunications cables, in order to ensure competition in the international connectivity market and put in place time-bound and transparent procedures.

Section II. Availability of Financing Proceeds

- A. General.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with the provisions of this Section and such additional instructions as the Association may specify by notice to the Recipient.
- B. Allocation of Financing Amounts.** The Financing is allocated in a Single Withdrawal Tranche, from which the Recipient may make withdrawals of the Financing. The allocation of the amounts of the Financing to this end is set out in the table below:

Allocations	Amount of the Credit Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in SDR)
Single Withdrawal Tranche	9,400,000	7,700,000
TOTAL AMOUNT	<u>17,100,000</u>	

C. Withdrawal Tranche Release Conditions

No withdrawal shall be made of the Single Withdrawal Tranche unless the Association is satisfied: (a) with the Program being carried out by the Recipient; and (b) with the adequacy of the Recipient's macroeconomic policy framework.

D. Deposits of Financing Amounts. Except as the Association may otherwise agree:

1. all withdrawals from the Financing Account shall be deposited by the Association into an account in United States Dollars designated by the Recipient ("Foreign Currency Deposit Account") and acceptable to the Association; and
2. the Recipient shall ensure that upon each deposit of an amount of the Financing into this account, an equivalent amount is accounted for in the Recipient's budget management system, in a manner acceptable to the Association.

E. Audit. Upon the Association's request, the Recipient shall:

1. have the Foreign Currency Deposit Account audited by independent auditors acceptable to the Association, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Association;
2. furnish to the Association as soon as available, but in any case not later than six (6) months after the date of the Association's request for such audit, a certified copy of the report of such audit, of such scope and in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request, and make such report publicly available in a timely fashion and in a manner acceptable to the Association; and
3. furnish to the Association such other information concerning the Foreign Deposit Account and the audit as the Association shall reasonably request.

F. Excluded Expenditures. The Recipient undertakes that the proceeds of the Financing shall not be used to finance Excluded Expenditures. If the Association determines at any time that an amount of the Financing was used to make a payment for an Excluded Expenditure, the Recipient shall, promptly upon notice from the Association, refund an amount equal to the amount of such payment to the Association. Amounts refunded to the Association upon such request shall be cancelled.

G. Closing Date. The Closing Date is September 1, 2017.

SCHEDULE 2

Repayment Schedule

Date Payment Due	Principal Amount of the Credit repayable (expressed as a percentage)*
On each June 15 and December 15, commencing December 15, 2022 to and including June 15, 2054	1.5625%

* The percentages represent the percentage of the principal amount of the Credit to be repaid, except as the Association may otherwise specify pursuant to Section 3.03 (b) of the General Conditions.

APPENDIX

Section I. Definitions

1. "Excluded Expenditure" means any expenditure:
- (a) for goods or services supplied under a contract which any national or international financing institution or agency other than the Association or the Bank has financed or agreed to finance, or which the Association or the Bank has financed or agreed to finance under another credit, grant or loan;
 - (b) for goods included in the following groups or sub-groups of the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3 (SITC, Rev.3), published by the United Nations in Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 34/Rev.3 (1986) (the SITC), or any successor groups or subgroups under future revisions to the SITC, as designated by the Association by notice to the Recipient:

Group	Sub-group	Description of Item
112		Alcoholic beverages
121		Tobacco, un-manufactured, tobacco refuse
122		Tobacco, manufactured (whether or not containing tobacco substitutes)
525		Radioactive and associated materials
667		Pearls, precious and semiprecious stones, unworked or worked
718	718.7	Nuclear reactors, and parts thereof; fuel elements (cartridges), non-irradiated, for nuclear reactors
728	728.43	Tobacco processing machinery
897	897.3	Jewelry of gold, silver or platinum group metals (except watches and watch cases) and goldsmiths' or silversmiths' wares (including set gems)
971		Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)

- (c) for goods intended for a military or paramilitary purpose or for luxury consumption;
- (d) for environmentally hazardous goods, the manufacture, use or import of which is prohibited under the laws of the Recipient or international agreements to which the Recipient is a party;

- (e) on account of any payment prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations; and
 - (f) with respect to which the Association determines that corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices were engaged in by representatives of the Recipient or other recipient of the Financing proceeds, without the Recipient (or other such recipient) having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Association to address such practices when they occur.
2. “General Conditions” means the “International Development Association General Conditions for Credits and Grants”, dated July 31, 2010.
 3. “Program” means the program of actions, objectives and policies designed to promote growth and achieve sustainable reductions in poverty and set forth or referred to in the letter dated May 26, 2016, from the Recipient to the Association declaring the Recipient’s commitment to the execution of the Program, and requesting assistance from the Association in support of the Program during its execution.
 4. “Single Withdrawal Tranche” means the amount of the Financing allocated to the category entitled “Single Withdrawal Tranche” in the table set forth in Part B of Section II of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
 5. “VAT” means Value Added Tax.

Section II. Modifications to the General Conditions

The General Conditions are hereby modified as follows:

1. The last sentence of paragraph (a) of Section 2.03 (relating to Applications for Withdrawal) is deleted in its entirety.
2. Sections 2.04 (*Designated Accounts*) and 2.05 (*Eligible Expenditures*) are deleted in their entirety, and the subsequent Sections in Article II are renumbered accordingly.
3. Sections 4.01 (*Project Execution Generally*), and 4.09 (*Financial Management; Financial Statements; Audits*) are deleted in their entirety, and the remaining Sections in Article IV are renumbered accordingly.
4. Paragraph (a) of Section 4.05 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 3 above and relating to *Use of Goods, Works and Services*) is deleted in its entirety.

5. Paragraph (c) of Section 4.06 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 3 above) is modified to read as follows:

“Section 4.06. Plans; Documents; Records

... (c) The Recipient shall retain all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing expenditures under the Financing until two years after the Closing Date. The Recipient shall enable the Association’s representatives to examine such records.”

6. Paragraph (c) of Section 4.07 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 3 above) is modified to read as follows:

“Section 4.07. Program Monitoring and Evaluation

... (c) The Recipient shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and furnish to the Association not later than six months after the Closing Date, a report of such scope and in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request, on the execution of the Program, the performance by the Recipient and the Association of their respective obligations under the Legal Agreements and the accomplishment of the purposes of the Financing.”

7. The following terms and definitions set forth in the Appendix are modified or deleted as follows, and the following new terms and definitions are added in alphabetical order to the Appendix as follows, with the terms being renumbered accordingly:

- (a) The definition of the term “Eligible Expenditure” is modified to read as follows:

““Eligible Expenditure” means any use to which the Financing is put in support of the Program, other than to finance expenditures excluded pursuant to the Financing Agreement.”

- (b) The term “Financial Statements” and its definition as set forth in the Appendix are deleted in their entirety.

- (c) The term “Project” is modified to read “Program” and its definition is modified to read as follows:

““Program” means the program referred to in the Financing Agreement in support of which the Financing is made.” All references to “Project” throughout these General Conditions are deemed to be references to “Program”.