July 11, 2012

H.E. Ali Mahmoud Mohamed Abdel Rasoul
Minister
Ministry of Finance and National Economy
Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan

Re: Request for No Objection
State and Peace-building Fund (SPF) Grant for Sustainable Livelihoods for Displaced and Vulnerable Communities in Eastern Sudan

Dear Excellency,

We refer to the upcoming Interim Strategy Note for Sudan and to the Grant proposed to be extended out of the State and Peace-building Fund to assist in the financing of the above-referenced Project for the benefit of East Sudan.

We wish to inform you that the World Bank intends to provide the Grant directly to the Ministry of Finance and National Economy under the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement to be entered into between the World Bank and the Recipient.

We respectfully request your confirmation that you do not object to the Bank providing the Grant directly to the Recipient as indicated above. We further request your support for, and commitment to, the objectives of the Project and, to this end, your undertaking to take all action necessary or appropriate to enable the Recipient to carry out the Project in the territory of East Sudan and to perform its obligations under the Grant Agreement.

Please acknowledge your confirmation of the foregoing by countersigning this letter in the space indicated below. Upon receipt of this countersigned letter, the World Bank, should the Grant be approved by the Trust Fund, will enter into the Grant Agreement with the Recipient for the purposes of the implementation of the Project. The Grant Agreement will become effective upon its counter-signature by the Recipient, following which the World Bank may commence immediate disbursement of the Grant to the Recipient.
We look forward to our continued cooperation towards the attainment of objectives of the Project for the benefit of East Sudan.

Very truly yours,

By: Bella Bird
Country Director for Sudan and South Sudan

CONFIRMED:

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[Signature]

Minister of Finance and National Economy

Name: Ali Mahmoud Mohammad

Title: Ministry of Finance and National Economy

Date: 24.07.2017