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Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and
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P. O. Box 175
Sana’a, Republic of Yemen

Re:  Grant No. TF092693
     AHI Facility Grant for the Avian Influenza Control and Human Pandemic
     Preparedness and Response Project
     Amendment to the Letter Agreement

Excellency:

     We refer to the Letter Agreement (AHI Facility Grant for the Avian Influenza Control and Human Pandemic Preparedness and Response Project) between the Republic of Yemen (the Recipient) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank), acting as administrator of Grant funds provided by the Avian and Human Influenza (AHI) Facility Trust Fund, dated October 15, 2008 and countersigned by the Recipient on November 5, 2008 (the Letter Agreement). We also refer to your letter, dated September 18, 2010, requesting certain amendments to the Letter Agreement.

     We are pleased to inform you that the World Bank, after due consideration, has acceded to your request. Accordingly, the Letter Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 2.06 (c) (ii) of the Letter Agreement is amended as follows:
   “(ii) The following methods, other than National Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods for those contracts specified in the Procurement Plan which the Bank agrees meets the requirements set forth in the Procurement Guidelines for their use: (A) Shopping; and (B) Direct Contracting.”

2. Section 2.06 (d) (ii) of the Letter Agreement is amended as follows:
   “(ii) The following methods may be used for the procurement of consultants’ services for those assignments which are specified in the Procurement Plan which the Bank agrees meets the requirements set forth in the Consultant Guidelines for their use: (A) Quality-based Selection; (B) Selection under a Fixed Budget; (C) Least Cost Selection; (D) Selection based on Consultants’ Qualifications; (E) Single-source Selection; and (F) Selection of Individual Consultants.”
3. Section 2.06 (e) of the Letter Agreement is amended as follows:

“(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.”

All the terms and conditions of the Letter Agreement that have not been amended hereby shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing by signing and dating the confirmation on the enclosed copy of this Letter Agreement and returning it to the World Bank.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By: /s/ A. David Craig
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AGREED AND CONFIRMED:

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

By: /s/ Abdulkarim I. Al Arhabi
Title: Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and Minister of Planning and International Cooperation

Date: December 18, 2010