September 21, 2015

RE: Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund
(World Bank Ref: TF050576)
Fourth Amendment to Letter Agreement
Extension of Termination Date and new structure of the Strategy Working Group

Dear Mr. Hasan,

1. We refer to the Letter Agreement dated December 10, 2002, between Government of Kuwait, on the one part (the “Donor”), and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association (collectively, the “Bank”), on the other part, as amended to date (the “Letter Agreement”), pursuant to which the Donor, has made available to the Bank grant funds for the purpose of contributing to the multi-donor Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (“ARTF”).

2. Pursuant to the endorsement of the Steering Committee of the ARTF on September 6, 2015 for the extension of the termination date of the ARTF and to the new structure of the Strategy Working Group of the ARTF, the Bank proposes to amend the Amended and Restated Standard Terms and Conditions governing contributions to the ARTF effective as of July 1, 2015, which is an annex to the Letter Agreement.

3. Accordingly, (i) the Bank has established December 31, 2025 as the later date for purposes of paragraph 12 of the Annex to the Letter Agreement; and (ii) the definition of “Strategy Working Group” in paragraph 3 of the Annex to the Letter Agreement is revised to read as follows:

“(n) ‘Strategy Working Group’ means the technical advisory body whose responsibilities are described in paragraph 5(b) (i) of this Annex, and whose membership (to be reviewed on an annual basis) consists of representatives of: (i) the Bank; (ii) the Ministry of Finance; (iii) Donors whose contributions to the Trust Fund equals or exceeds ten million United States Dollars (US$10,000,000) per annum and that have adequate technical expertise at the local level; (iv) Donors whose contributions to the Trust Fund are less than ten million United States Dollars (US$10,000,000) per annum and that have adequate technical expertise at the local level, will share a membership that will rotate semi-annually pursuant to a rotation schedule to be agreed amongst said Donors; and (v) any such sector Ministries of the Administration as the Strategy Working Group may decide to invite to its meetings on an ad hoc basis;”

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4. All other terms of the Letter Agreement that are not hereby amended shall remain in full force and effect. It is the Bank’s policy to make publicly available the Letter Agreement and any information related thereto, including this Amendment.

5. As agreed at the Steering Committee of the ARTF referred to above, this Amendment is hereby effected without need for counter-signature and takes effect as of the date of this Amendment letter.

Sincerely,

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South Asia Region