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May 16, 2013

Ms. Young-ju Oh
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Republic of Korea

Dear Ms. Oh:

AFGHANISTAN
Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (Ref: TF050576)
Sixth Amendment to Letter Agreement

We refer to the Letter Agreement dated June 13, 2002, between the Government of the Republic of Korea, on the one part, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the International Development Association (collectively, the "Bank"), on the other part (the "Letter Agreement"), as amended to date, pursuant to which the Government of the Republic of Korea has made available to the Bank the sum of six million United States dollars (US\$6,000,000) as a grant for the purpose of contributing to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (the "Trust Fund").

We also refer to the Letter of Intent dated May 16, 2013, between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Bank to strengthen their partnership in fragile and conflict-affected countries, a copy of which is attached herewith as Annex.

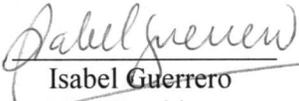
We hereby acknowledge the intention of the Government of the Republic of Korea to increase its contribution to the Trust Fund by an additional ten million United States dollars (US\$10,000,000) (the "Additional Contribution"). After the Additional Contribution has been received by the Bank, the aggregate contribution to the Trust Fund will be sixteen million United States dollars (US\$16,000,000).

Promptly following confirmation of this amendment to the Letter Agreement by you, the Government of the Republic of Korea, will deposit the Additional Contribution, i.e., ten million United States dollars (US\$10,000,000) into bank account designated by the 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.

We propose that this Amendment to the Letter Agreement shall, upon confirmation in the manner indicated below, constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea, and the Bank. This amendment to the Letter Agreement shall become effective upon signature by both parties hereto. It is the Bank's policy to make publicly available the Letter Agreement and any information related thereto, including this amendment. By confirming below, the Government of the Republic of Korea, consents to disclosure of this amendment letter after it has become effective.

Sincerely yours,


Isabel Guerrero
Vice President
South Asia Region

CONFIRMED AND AGREED:
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

By: 

Name: Ms. Young-ju Oh

Title: Director General for Development Cooperation
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Date: May 16, 2013

Letter of Intent between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea and the World Bank Group

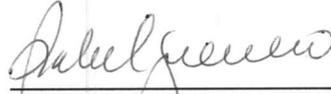
1. This Letter of Intent represents a statement of intent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (“MOFA”) and the “World Bank Group” (“WBG”) (collectively, the Parties) to strengthen their partnership in fragile and conflict-affected countries.
2. The Parties recognize fragile and conflict-affected countries pose unique and complex challenges to achieving effective development and sustainable peace and security. Addressing the nexus between development and peace and security in the fragile situation is vital to achieving MDGs as well as setting the Post-MDG framework.
3. The Parties have a growing relationship built around common commitments to support international development and stability. The Parties also recognize the principles of aid effectiveness and inclusive partnership set out in the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the Accra Agenda for Action and the Busan Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation. The Parties strongly support Peace building and State building Goals (PSGs) of the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States.
4. In assisting fragile states for their effective peace and state building, the Parties recognize their complementary and mutually reinforcing efforts as well as importance of integrated development frameworks.
5. Korea’s experiences of overcoming colonization, war and poverty give it strong comparative advantages in assisting fragile and conflict-affected countries as these are common among these countries. While ROK steadily expanding its ODA volume, it has targeted 40% of its grant aid to fragile and conflict-affected partner countries for humanitarian assistance and peace building as is stipulated by the Mid-term ODA Policy for 2011-2015. Korea engages in various international activities in different fragile and conflict-affected countries including Iraq, Afghanistan, and Palestine.
6. The World Bank has established a robust program of support to Afghanistan, including the management of a multi-donor Trust Fund -- the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF). The ARTF provides a vehicle for 33 donor governments to contribute and participate in a wide range of development activities, including policy support, community investment, rural roads, health, education, energy, urban development and irrigation. All activities of the ARTF are fully owned by the Government and are provided through Afghanistan's budget.
7. Consistent with their mandates and resource capacities of their respective organizations, the Parties are committed to strengthening their partnership in the following areas, whereby practical synergies can be achieved in assisting fragile and conflict-affected countries:

- In-country collaborations between respective field offices including regular consultations, joint activities throughout program cycle such as assessment, planning and operation, and monitoring and evaluation;
 - Increased strategic and policy coordination;
 - Exchange and cross-fertilization of expertise and knowledge both analytic and operational
8. Building on these shared commitments and strengthened partnership, the Parties confirm that this Letter of Intent will lead to the negotiation of an Administration Agreement that will govern ROK's contribution to the Afghan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF) for 2013-2015, which is subject to the national budgeting process of the Republic of Korea.

Signed at Washington, D.C., May 16, 2013



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For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Korea



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