His Excellency Monsieur Mohamed Ali Soilihi
Vice Minister responsible for the Ministry of Finance,
   Economy, Budget, Investment and Foreign Trade, and for Privatizations
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Union of The Comoros

Re: Union of the Comoros - Advance No. 806-COM
(Project Preparation Advance for the Preparation of the Proposed
Regional Communications Infrastructure Project (Phase 4))
Amendment and Extension of Refinancing Date

Excellency:

We refer to the letter agreement ("Agreement") between the Union of The Comoros ("Recipient") and the International Development Association ("World Bank") dated February 16, 2012, for the above-referenced Project Preparation Advance ("Advance"), and to the request on behalf of the Recipient contained in the letter from Mme Sitti Kasim dated February 22, 2013, to amend the Agreement so as to include the financing under the Advance of the cost of the Recipient’s representatives to attend and participate in the negotiations of the Project and to extend the Refinancing Date of the Advance.

I am pleased to inform you that the World Bank agrees to your request and, therefore, the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 2.01 (e) of the Annex to the Agreement is modified to read as follows:

   "(e) Participation and attendance of the Recipient in the negotiations of the Project and strengthening of the Project’s coordination unit capacity to effectively manage the Activities, through the hiring of staff, the provision of goods, and the financing of the operating costs required for the purpose."

2. The definition of operating costs set forth in paragraph 3.01 of the Annex to the Agreement is modified to read as follows:

   "For the purpose of this section, the term “operating costs” means the expenditures incurred to finance the reasonable cost under the Activities: (i) salaries of the staff (excluding civil servants); (ii) per diem, hotel accommodations, travel expenses, insurance (health and travel), visa fees, airport taxes and transportation of staff as required to negotiate the Project and to perform their responsibilities under the Activities; (iii) communication technology (including, without limitation, internet and telephone service); (iv) office maintenance services; (v) translation services, photocopies and publications; and (vi) utilities and office supplies."
3. Paragraph 3.03 of the Annex to the Agreement is modified to read as follows:

3.03. “Refinancing Date. The Refinancing Date is September 30, 2013”.

All other provisions of the Agreement, as amended hereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

Please confirm your agreement to this amendment letter by countersigning, dating and returning to us the enclosed copy of this letter, while keeping one original for your records. This amendment shall become effective retroactively as of February 20, 2013.

Sincerely

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

[Signature]

Halid Bridi

Comoros Country Director
Africa Region

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