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Minister of Economic Affairs and Development
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Nouakchott
Islamic Republic of Mauritania

Re: Islamic Republic of Mauritania
Preparation Grant for Mauritania Integrated Territorial Development, Transport Connectivity and Urban Mobility Project
Grant Facility for Project Preparation No. E7830
Additional Instructions: Disbursement and Financial Information Letter

Excellency:

I refer to the Project Preparation Grant Agreement between the Islamic Republic of Mauritania ("Recipient") and the International Development Association ("the Association") for the above-referenced Project. The General Conditions, as defined in the Project Preparation Grant Agreement, provide that the Recipient may from time-to-time request withdrawals of Grant Financing amounts from the Preparation Grant Financing Account in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, and such additional instructions as the Association may specify from time to time by notice to the Recipient. The General Conditions also provide that the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter may set out Project specific financial reporting requirements. This letter constitutes such Disbursement and Financial Information Letter ("DFIL") and may be revised from time to time.

I. Disbursement Arrangements, Withdrawal of Grant Funds, and Reporting on the uses of Grant funds from the Project Preparation Grant.

The *Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing*, dated February 2017 ("Disbursement Guidelines"), are available on the Bank's public website at https://www.worldbank.org and are an integral part of the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter. The manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to the Grant is specified below.

(i) Disbursement Arrangements

The table in **Schedule 1** provides the disbursement methods which may be used by the Recipient, information on registration of authorized signatories, processing of Withdrawal Applications (including the minimum value of applications and advances), instructions on supporting documentation, and frequency of reporting on the Designated Account(s).

(ii) Withdrawal Applications (Electronic Delivery)

The Recipient will deliver Withdrawal Applications (with supporting documents, "Applications") electronically through the Bank's web-based portal "Client Connection" at https://clientconnection.worldbank.org. This option will be effective after the officials designated in writing by the Recipient who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications have registered as users of "Client Connection." The designated officials shall deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through "Client Connection." By signing the Authorized Signatory Letter, which can be delivered manually or electronically, the Recipient confirms that it is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Bank by these means. The Recipient may exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form on exceptional cases (including those where the Recipient encounters legal limitations) and which were previously agreed with the Bank. By designating officials to use SIDC and deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the Authorized Signatory Letter its agreement to (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with the Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation, available in the Bank's public website at https://www.worldbank.org and "Client Connection" at https://clientconnection.worldbank.org; and (b) to cause such officials to abide by those terms and conditions.

II. Financial Reports and Audits

- ***Financial Reports***

The Recipient must prepare and furnish to the Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester interim unaudited financial reports ("IFRs") for the Activities covering the calendar semester.

- ***Audits***

The audit will be conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and based on terms of reference acceptable by the Bank. The audit report must be furnished to the Association not later than six (6) months after the end of such period for the grant. A single opinion on the audited Project Preparation Grant financial will be required. The audit of the Project Preparation Grant may be combined with the first audit of the main project. An external auditor with qualifications and experience satisfactory to the Association will be appointed to conduct the audit.

If finally, the Project Financing is not agreed, a dedicated audit will be performed by an external auditor in the same conditions.

III. Other Important Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Loan Handbook available on the Bank's public website at https://www.worldbank.org and "Client Connection" at

https://clientconnection.worldbank.org the Bank recommends that you register as a user of "Client Connection." From this website, you will be able to prepare and deliver Authorized Signatory Letters and Withdrawal Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Advance and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, or if you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the Bank by email at askloans@worldbank.org using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

Djibrilla Adamou Issa

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Cabo Verde, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Senegal
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Attachments

1. Form of authorized signatories
2. Statements of Expenditure

Schedule 1 :Disbursement Provisions

<table>
<tr><th colspan="6">Basic Information</th></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">Grant No.</td><td rowspan="3">E7830 MR</td><td>Country</td><td>Islamic Republic of Mauritania</td><td rowspan="2">Closing Date</td><td rowspan="2">Article 3.03 to the GFPP Agreement.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Recipient</td><td>Islamic Republic of Mauritania</td></tr>
<tr><td>Name of the Project</td><td>Preparation Grant for Mauritania Integrated Territorial Development, Transport Connectivity and Urban Mobility Project</td><td>Disbursement Deadline Date</td><td>Four (04) months after the closing date.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="6">Preparation Grant for Mauritania Integrated Territorial Development, Transport Connectivity and Urban Mobility Project</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Disbursement Methods
Section 2 (**)</td><td>Methods</td><td colspan="3">Supporting Documentation
Subsections 4.3 and 4.4 (**)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Direct Payment</td><td>Yes</td><td colspan="3">Copy of records (e.g., invoices and receipts)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Reimbursement</td><td>Yes</td><td colspan="3">Statement of Expenditure (SOE) in the format provided in Attachment 2 of the DFIL</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Advance (into a Designated Account)</td><td>Yes</td><td colspan="3">Statement of Expenditure (SOE) in the format provided in Attachment 2 of the DFIL</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Special Commitments</td><td>No</td><td colspan="3">Copy of Letter of Credit</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="6">Designated Account (Sections 5 and 6 **)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Type</td><td colspan="2">Segregated and managed by PIU</td><td>Ceiling</td><td>Fixed</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Financial Institution - Name</td><td colspan="2">The DA shall be opened at a financial institution acceptable to the Association</td><td>Currency</td><td>USD</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Frequency of Reporting Subsection 6.3 (**)</td><td colspan="2">Monthly</td><td>Amount</td><td>400,000</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="6">Minimum Value of Applications (subsection 3.5)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="6">The minimum value of applications for Reimbursement and Direct Payment is USD 80,000 equivalent.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="6">Authorized Signatures (Subsection 3.1 and 3.2 **) The form for Authorized Signatories Letter is provided in Attachment 1 of this letter
Withdrawal and Documentation Applications (Subsection 3.3 and 3.4 **)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="6">(i) Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1).
A letter in the Form attached (Attachment 1) should be furnished to the Association providing the name(s) and specimen signature(s) of the official(s) authorized to sign Applications:

Applications (subsections 3.2 - 3.3): ASL and all Withdrawal Applications and its supporting documentation will be electronically sent via the Association’s web-portal “Client Connection”</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="6">Additional Information</td></tr>
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The designated account (DA-V) opened for the GFPP will be distinct from other designated accounts managed by PIU. The DA should be opened not later than one (1) month after Project Preparation Grant's effectiveness.
Other
N/A

Attachment 1 – Form of Authorized Signatory Letter

[Letterhead]

Ministry of Finance
[Street address]
[City] [Country]

[DATE]

The World Bank 1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Attention: **[Country Director]**

Dear [Country Director]:

Re: Preparation Grant for Mauritania Integrated Territorial Development, Transport Connectivity and Urban Mobility Project Grant Facility Project Preparation No. E7830

I refer to the Project Preparation Grant Agreement (Agreement") between the International Development Association ("Association") and [**Recipient Name]** ("Recipient"), providing for the above Project Preparation Grant. For the purposes of Section 2.02 of the General Conditions as defined in the Agreement, any **[one/two/three]** of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appear below is/are authorized on behalf of the Recipient to sign applications for withdrawal [and applications for a special commitment] under this Project Preparation Grant: For the purpose of delivering the Applications to the Bank, [1] [**one/two/three**] of the

[1] Instruction to the Recipient: Stipulate if more than one person needs to *jointly* sign Applications, if so, please indicate the actual number. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Bank.*

persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appear below is/are authorized on behalf of the Recipient, acting **[individually**[1] **/ jointly]** to deliver the Applications and evidence in support thereof on the terms and conditions specified by the Bank.

This Authorization also confirms that the Recipient is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Association including by electronic means. The Association shall rely upon such representations and warranties, including the representations and warranties contained in the *Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation* ("Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC"), the Recipient represents and warrants to the Bank that it will cause such persons to abide by those terms and conditions.

This Authorization replaces and supersedes any Authorization currently in the Association's records with respect to the Agreement(s) referred to in the subject line of this Authorization.

Signatory Details

Name	**Position**	**Email ID**
[Signatory Name]	[Title]	[Email]

Specimen Signatures

Signatory Name	Signature 1	Signature 2	Signature 3

[1] Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket if any one of the authorized persons may sign; if this is not applicable, please delete. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Bank.*

[User Name]			
[User Name]			

Yours truly,

/ signed /

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[Position]

Attachment 2 – Statement of Expenditures

IBRD- International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Statement of Expenditures

Financier	
Loan/Credit/Grant #	
Application #	
Category #	
Page #	

Payment made during the period from _____ to _____

The following expenditures have been incurred during the retroactive financing period (please tick)	Yes	No
The following expenditures have been incurred before the closing date of the loan/credit/grant (please tick)	Yes	No

											ONLY for the Designated Account		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15
Item No	Supplier's Name	Brief Description of the expenditure	Prior Review Contract? (YES or NO)	Contract # (Client Connection # for Prior Review contracts)	Contract currency and amount (original + amendment)	Invoice number	Date of payment	Total amount of invoice covered by Application (net of retention)	% Financed by the Bank	Eligible Amount (Col 9 X 10)	Exchange rate	Date of Withdrawal from the Designated Account	Amount Withdrawn from the Designated Account (Col 11 / 12)
								0.00		0.00		TOTAL	0.00

Supporting documents for this SOE are retained at

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(insert location)

A separate form should be used for each category