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His Excellency
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Excellency:

Subject: Amendment Letter: Financing of Value Added Taxes under Ecuador Loan Agreements Nos. 8542 and 8667

We refer to the Ministerial Agreement No. 0001 issued by the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Ecuador (the "Borrower") on January 2, 2020, enabling government entities to finance value added tax (VAT) (*Impuesto al Valor Agregado (IVA)*) with loan resources under international agreements, and to the subsequent letter from the Borrower dated February 18, 2020 (Reference: *Oficio No. MEF-SFP-2020-0171-O*) requesting to include the financing of VAT with loan funds under the above referenced loan agreements entered into with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("Bank").

We are pleased to inform you that after careful consideration of the above modification, the Bank has acceded to the said request. Consequently, the following Loan Agreements shall be amended to include the possibility of financing the corresponding VAT cost(s):

| Loan No. | Project Name |
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| 8542 | Supporting Education Reform in Targeted Circuits Project |
| 8667 | Transformation of the Tertiary Technical and Technological Institutes Project |

Consequently, the table included in Section IV (Withdrawal of Loan Proceeds) of Schedule 2 to each of the above-mentioned Loan Agreements shall be modified to read "(inclusive of value added tax-VAT)" under the Percentage of Expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category.

The procurement plans for each Project shall be amended, if necessary, to reflect this change.

Please confirm your agreement to the foregoing amendment by signing and dating the confirmation on the enclosed copy of this Amendment Letter and returning it to us. This amendment will come into force and effect as of January 2, 2020, upon receipt by the Bank of one countersigned original of this Amendment Letter.

Sincerely,

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT**



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CONFIRMED AND AGREED:

REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR



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Title: Minister of Economy and Finance

Date: 25 / 03 / 20

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