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Subject: GLACIAL LAKE OUTBURST FLOODS (GLOF) PHASE-II PROJECT

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to Ministry of Climate Change Islamabad letter No. 1(15)/16-Dev-PPM, Sub-GLOF-II dated 3rd February, 2017 on the subject and to say that the Government of Gilgit Baltistan reiterates its financial commitment/contribution of Rs. 50,000 million to the subject project.

2. The GB Government has already included a project titled “Support to GLOF-II Project in Gilgit Baltistan” in its Annual Development Program (ADP) 2016-17 with a cost of Rs. 50,000 million (Please see copy of ADP page as ready reference). However, it has been noted with concern that five districts of KPK have also been included without any counterpart funding. Moreover GB is now comprised of 10 districts instead of seven as mentioned in the earlier document.

3. The Government of Gilgit Baltistan is confident that GLOF - Pakistan Phase-II Project will augment and support the Initiatives of GB Government in addressing the Climate Change Issues and associated risks in the region and funds allocated to GB would commensurate with the magnitude of issues being faced by the area. Needless to mention that GB is considered as Water Towers for South Asia having the largest glaciers outside Polar Region. However, the project document should clearly indicate the share of GB in fiscal terms.

4. Keeping the above in view, I reaffirm commitments of GB Government to the global cause of addressing Climate Change issues both at national and regional level.

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To,

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