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## INTRODUCTION

**1. The 2021 fundraising campaign for new loan resources for the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (PRGT) has been successful.** In July 2021, the Fund launched a loan mobilization round for the PRGT, as part of a two-stage funding strategy adopted in conjunction with a package of PRGT reforms to facilitate the Fund's support of low-income countries.<sup>1</sup> Total loan pledges amounted to SDR 14.65 billion from 17 PRGT lenders, well exceeding the SDR 12.6 billion loan target. With the signature of the latest borrowing agreement in February 2024, all pledges under the 2021 round have become effective. To support the additional loan resources, the IMF Executive Board approved the increase in the PRGT cumulative borrowing limit from SDR 55.5 billion to SDR 68 billion in July 2021, and further to SDR 71 billion in January 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Fund Concessional Financial Support for Low-Income Countries—Responding to the Pandemic*. The first stage aimed to secure SDR 12.6 billion in new loan resources and SDR 2.8 billion in subsidy resources, of which SDR 2.3 billion in subsidy bilateral contributions from PRGT partners and SDR 0.5 billion from the suspension of PRGT reimbursement to the General Resources Account for administrative expenses through FY2026. The subsidy target was met in October 2023, in the context of the World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings. See *Statement by the IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva*.

**2. This paper presents to the IMF Executive Board for information six borrowing agreements that have been concluded since October 2023 to provide new loan resources to the PRGT under the 2021 round.**<sup>2</sup> The paper covers four new agreements and two augmentations of existing agreements, as summarized in Table 1. SDRs are used in five out of the six agreements for the loan disbursements.<sup>3</sup>

**3. These six borrowing agreements provide new PRGT loan resources in a total amount of about SDR 3.9 billion** as follows (also see Table 1):

- A new borrowing agreement with the National Bank of Belgium of SDR 250 million, effective October 25, 2023. In addition, the existing 2017 and 2020 Borrowing Agreements were amended to participate in the PRGT's encashment regime;
- An amendment to the existing 2020 PRGT Borrowing Agreements with Danmarks Nationalbank to augment the amount by an additional SDR 150 million, effective December 19, 2023. In addition, the existing 2010 and 2020 Borrowing Agreements were amended to participate in the PRGT's encashment regime;
- A new borrowing agreement with the Banque de France of SDR 1.9 billion, effective February 13, 2024;
- An amendment to the existing 2010 Note Purchase Agreement (2010 NPA) with the Government of Japan to augment the amount by an additional SDR 1 billion, effective October 5, 2023;
- A new borrowing agreement with the Bank of Korea of SDR 450 million, effective December 21, 2023;
- A new borrowing agreement with the Ministry of Finance of the State of Qatar, effective October 11, 2023, that will provide SDR 150 million in loan resources at a concessional rate (the lower of SDR interest rate or 0.05 percent per annum), which is estimated to generate implicit subsidies of about SDR 25 million, subject to SDR interest rate assumptions.

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<sup>2</sup> For ease of reference, this paper refers to both loan agreements and note purchase agreements (NPA) as "borrowing agreements" or "agreements". Pursuant to Section III, paragraph 2 of the Instrument to establish the PRGT, the Managing Director is authorized to enter into borrowing agreements and agree to their terms and conditions with PRGT lenders.

<sup>3</sup> The 2020 PRGT Borrowing agreement with Danmarks Nationalbank provides for drawings to be made in Euros. The 2010 Note Purchase Agreement with the Government of Japan provides for drawings to be made in SDRs, but also allows for drawings to be made in U.S. dollars, or any other freely usable currency as may be agreed upon between the Trustee and Japan.

## KEY SUBSTANTIVE TERMS OF THE BORROWING AGREEMENTS

**4. The borrowing agreements presented in this paper have uniform key substantive terms.** These terms are summarized in Annex I and include the purpose of the loan drawings, drawdown period, denomination of loan commitments and allowed media of drawings, repayment schedule, terms of principal repayment and interest payment including provision for early repayment, provision for the transfer of claims, lenders' right to seek encashment of outstanding claims in case of balance of payments and reserves' needs, lenders' right to request temporary suspension of drawings in case of liquidity need, and other operational, execution, and effectiveness provisions pursuant to the Fund's Articles of Agreement, the PRGT Instrument and other rules and regulations.<sup>4</sup> The agreements follow the standard templates with occasional deviations to operational terms with no implications for key substantive terms, which mostly reflect domestic legal or operational requirements of contributors.<sup>5</sup>

**5. The agreements are attached for information.** Table 1 summarizes the key features of each of these agreements. Annex I summarizes the standard terms and conditions for PRGT borrowing agreements. Attachments I-VI present the full text of the agreements as executed.

## CONCLUSION

**6. The 2021 target for new loan resources has been exceeded by a wide margin with the effectiveness of the agreements covered in this paper.** Thanks to the generous contributions of 17 PRGT lenders, the loan resources of close to SDR 14.7 billion effected under the 2021 fundraising round will help ensure that the PRGT can meet demand through end-2024.

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<sup>4</sup> To provide sufficient time to use any uncommitted loan resources that have been raised under the first stage of the funding strategy, the PRGT Instrument has been amended to extend by five years the periods for commitment (from end-2024 to end-2029), drawdown (from end-2029 to end-2034), and temporary suspension on drawings of PRGT loan resources (from end-June 2029 to end-June 2034).

<sup>5</sup> The borrowing agreement with the State of Qatar is the only notable deviation in the agreements covered by this paper. As mentioned above, its drawings will be remunerated at 0.05 per cent per annum (i.e., at a concessional rate), thereby providing implicit subsidies to the PRGT.

**Table 1. Key Terms of New PRGT Borrowing Agreements  
under 2021 PRGT Fundraising<sup>1,2</sup>**

Country	Effective date	Amount (SDR million)	Modality	Currency <sup>3</sup>	Type of Agreement	Encashment
Belgium	10/25/2023	250	New agreement	SDR	Loan Agreement	Yes <sup>4</sup>
Denmark	12/19/2023	150	Augmentation	EUR	Loan Agreement	Yes <sup>5</sup>
France	2/13/2024	1,900	New agreement	SDR	Loan Agreement	Yes
Japan	10/5/2023	1,000	Augmentation	SDR, USD, other	NPA	Yes
Korea	12/21/2023	450	New agreement	SDR	Loan Agreement	Yes
Qatar <sup>6</sup>	10/11/2023	150	New agreement	SDR	Loan Agreement	Yes
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,900</b>				

Source: IMF Finance Department.

<sup>1</sup> All agreements are for the benefit of the General Loan Account, denominated in SDRs, remunerated at the SDRi rate (with the exception of the loan provided by the State of Qatar capped at 0.05%) and set to expire on December 31, 2029.

<sup>2</sup> Typically, each drawing will be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule of the PRGT loan disbursement for which it was drawn. By agreement between the lender and the Trustee, any drawing or part thereof may be repaid at any time in advance of the maturity with at least five business days notice. If the relevant maturity date is not a business day of the Fund, the repayment date shall be on the first succeeding business day of the Fund.

<sup>3</sup> Disbursements are to be made by the transfer of SDRs for all agreements except for the agreements with the Denmark, where disbursements would be made by transfer of Euros. "Other" represents other freely usable currency as may be agreed upon between the Trustee and Japan.

<sup>4</sup> On October 25, 2023, Belgium amended its 2017 and 2020 Borrowing Agreements to participate in the PRGT's encashment regime.

<sup>5</sup> On December 19, 2023, Denmark amended its 2010 and 2020 Borrowing Agreements to participate in the PRGT's encashment regime.

<sup>6</sup> The loan resources have been provided at a concessional rate and are estimated will generate about SDR 25 million in implicit subsidies, subject to SDR interest rate assumptions.

## Annex I. Terms of PRGT Borrowing Agreements

<b>General Terms and Conditions for PRGT Borrowing Agreements</b>	
<b>Drawings and drawdown period</b>	<p>Drawings can be made from the effective date of each borrowing agreement through December 31, 2029.<sup>1</sup> Unless agreed otherwise, the notification period of the intention to draw is five business days (creditor's location).</p> <p>Agreements provide for the suspension of drawings pending consultations on the matter in case of arrears.</p>
<b>Account designation</b>	As provided by the PRGT Instrument, loan resources can be provided to all four loan accounts of the PRGT (GLA, ECL, SCL, RCL).
<b>Denomination</b>	All transactions are denominated in Special Drawing Rights (SDR).
<b>Media</b>	SDR or freely usable currencies. For payments by the Trust, other media may be agreed between the Trustee and creditors.
<b>Maturity</b>	<p>Each drawing is to be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule for the PRGT loan disbursement for which it was drawn (e.g., ECF and RCF loans have a grace period of 5½ years and mature in 10 years, and the SCF loans have a grace period of 4 years and a final maturity of 8 years).</p> <p>Notes under NPAs shall have an initial maturity which may be different from that of the related loan disbursed. The Trustee may extend notes' maturity by additional periods. The maximum extension period for notes is the maturity date for the PRGT loan disbursement for which they were issued.</p>
<b>Early repayment</b>	The Trustee may repay all or part of any drawing in advance of the maturity upon mutual agreement and the notification period is five business days (creditor's location), unless otherwise agreed between the creditor and the Trustee.
<b>Principal repayments</b>	<p>For each drawing, repayment will follow the same schedule as that for the related PRGT loan disbursed (e.g., for ECF and RCF loans, 10 equal semi-annual installments beginning 5½ years from the date of drawing, and for SCF loans, 8 semi-annual installments beginning after 4 years).</p> <p>Payments of principal by the Trustee are to be made in SDRs to the SDR holdings account of the relevant member, or in freely usable currencies or other media as may be agreed between the Trustee and the creditor.</p>
<b>Interest payments</b>	<p>Interest on each outstanding drawing will be calculated on an actual day basis, will accrue daily at the applicable interest rate, and will be payable on all outstanding drawings under each agreement on a quarterly basis promptly after January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 30 of each year.</p> <p>Payments of interest by the Trustee are to be made at the SDR interest rate established by the Fund pursuant to Article XX, Section 3 of the Fund's Articles of Agreement, or a different rate if agreed with the contributor<sup>2</sup>; interest is paid in SDRs to the SDR holdings account of the relevant member or in freely usable currencies or other media as may be agreed between the Trustee and the creditor.</p>

<b>General Terms and Conditions for PRGT Borrowing Agreements (concluded)</b>	
<b>Transfer of claims</b>	<p>All new and amended borrowing agreements allow for the voluntary transfer of claims on the PRGT to any member of the Fund, prescribed holders of SDRs, or a limited group of official-sector entities.</p> <p>NPAs allow for the voluntary transfer of claims on the PRGT to any member of the Fund, prescribed holders of SDRs, or a limited group of official-sector entities.</p>
<b>Encashment</b>	<p>Pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument, creditors have the right to seek early repayment (“encashment”) of outstanding claims on the PRGT upon a representation by the creditor of a balance of payments and reserve position need and authorize drawings by the Trustee to fund such encashment requests of other PRGT creditors, which, in all cases, are subject to the availability of resources under the borrowing agreements of other participating creditors.</p>
<b>Suspension of drawings</b>	<p>At the request of the creditor, calls on its commitments to meet drawings may be suspended temporarily at any time prior to June 30, 2029,<sup>3</sup> if the creditor represents that it has a liquidity need, pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(c) and 4(d) of the PRGT Instrument.</p>
<b>Effective exchange rate for payments</b>	<p>Payments in currency will be made at the SDR exchange rates, pursuant to Article XIX, Section 7(a) of the Fund’s Articles of Agreement and the rules and regulations, for the second business day of the Fund before the value date of the payment, unless otherwise agreed.</p>
<b>Changes in method of valuation of SDR</b>	<p>If the Fund changes the SDR valuation method, all payments will be made on the basis of the new method of valuation.</p>
<b>Settlement of questions</b>	<p>Any question arising under any borrowing agreement shall be settled by mutual agreement.</p>
<b>Form, delivery and custody of Notes (for NPA only)</b>	<p>Notes issued in book entry form. The record-keeping by the Trustee shall constitute a taking of delivery of the Note by the purchaser or transferee. Notes will be issued substantially in the form set out in Annex II. Notes’ value date will be the issue date of the purchase of the Note. The Trustee will keep registered Notes in custody for the Permitted Holder, which shall constitute delivery of Notes to the Permitted Holder.</p>
<p><sup>1</sup> Effective January 29, 2024, the PRGT Instrument was amended to extend the drawing period from end-2029 to end-2034. This provision will apply to all future new borrowing agreements. If needed, any existing borrowing agreement could be amended subject to the Lender’s accordancy.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Under the agreement with the State of Qatar, the drawings will be remunerated at a rate of 0.05 per cent per annum as mentioned before.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Also see footnote 1.</p>	

## **Attachment I. 2023 Borrowing Agreement Between the National Bank of Belgium and the International Monetary Fund as Trustee of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust**

The National Bank of Belgium (the “Bank”) and the International Monetary Fund (the “Fund”) as Trustee (the “Trustee”) of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (the “Trust”), have reached understandings on:

- (i) a new borrowing agreement between the Bank and the Fund as Trustee for the purposes of providing new loan services to the Trust (the “2023 Borrowing Agreement”),
- (ii) amendments to the borrowing agreement between them dated July 29, 2020 (the “2020 Borrowing Agreement”), and
- (iii) amendments to the borrowing agreement between them dated August 30, 2017 (the “2017 Borrowing Agreement”),

as set out in Sections I, II and III below:

### **I. 2023 Borrowing Agreement**

The Bank agrees to lend to the Fund as Trustee of the Trust, for the purposes of providing loan resources to the Trust. Such loan resources shall be provided in accordance with the terms of the Instrument establishing the Trust adopted by the Executive Board of the Fund by Decision No. 8759-(87/176) ESAF, as amended (the “PRGT Instrument”), and on the terms and conditions set out below. This 2023 Borrowing Agreement is based on Section III, paragraph 2 of the PRGT Instrument, which authorizes the Managing Director to enter into borrowing agreements with creditors to the Loan Accounts of the Trust.

1. The amount of the loan shall be the equivalent of up to SDR 250 million.
2. (a) The Trustee may make drawings under this 2023 Borrowing Agreement at any time during the period from the effective date of this 2023 Borrowing Agreement through December 31, 2029. Unless otherwise agreed between the Bank and the Trustee, the Trustee shall give the Bank at least five business days (Brussels) notice of its intention to draw and shall provide payment instructions at least two (Fund) business days prior to the value date of the transaction by SWIFT.  
  
(b) If any installment of principal or interest is not fully paid to the Bank within a period of ten days after its due date, the Trustee shall not make further drawings under this 2023 Borrowing Agreement pending consultations with the Bank on the matter. However, the



Trustee may resume drawings under this 2023 Borrowing Agreement once arrears to the Bank have been discharged.

3. The Trustee may make drawings under this 2023 Borrowing Agreement to finance (i) loan disbursements by the Trustee under the General Loan Account of the Trust, and (ii) the early repayment pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument of the Trustee's outstanding indebtedness under other borrowing agreements to any of the Loan Accounts of the Trust.

4. (a) The amount of each drawing shall be denominated in SDRs. Unless otherwise agreed between the Trustee and the Bank, the amount shall be paid by the Bank on the value date specified in the Trustee's notice by transfer of SDRs to an account specified by the Trustee.

(b) Upon request, the Trustee shall issue to the Bank a non-negotiable certificate evidencing its claim on the Trust resulting from a drawing outstanding under this 2023 Borrowing Agreement.

5. (a) Each drawing shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule for loan disbursements under the facility of the Trust for which it was drawn. At the time of each drawing, the Trustee will indicate in the notice requesting the drawing the specific repayment schedule for the amount drawn. Repayments by the Trust shall be made on the relevant maturity dates.

(b) By agreement between the Bank and the Trustee, any drawing or part thereof may be repaid by the Trustee at any time in advance of maturity. Unless otherwise agreed between the Bank and the Trustee, a request for agreement on early repayment shall be made by the Trustee with at least five business days' (Brussels) notice.

6. (a) Interest on the amount outstanding in respect of each drawing shall be computed at the SDR interest rate established by the Fund pursuant to Article XX, Section 3 of its Articles of Agreement.

(b) The amount of interest payable in respect of each drawing shall be calculated on an actual day basis and shall be paid on all outstanding drawings under this 2023 Borrowing Agreement promptly after July 31, October 31, January 31, April 30 of each year.

7. (a) Repayments of principal and payments of interest by the Trustee shall be made in SDRs; provided however that repayments by the Trustee of principal pursuant to paragraph 10 shall be made in SDRs or in a freely usable currency as determined by the Trustee after consultation with the Lender.

(b) Payments by the Trustee in SDRs shall be made by crediting Belgium's holding account in the Special Drawing Rights Department. If the due date is not a business day of the Fund, the payment shall be made on the following business day of the Fund.

(c) Payments by the Trustee in currencies shall be made to an account as agreed between the Lender and the Trustee. If the due date is not a business day of the Fund, Belgium, or the Target system and the domestic markets of the other (non-euro) currencies included in the SDR basket, the payment shall be made on the following business day of the Fund, Belgium, or the Target system and the domestic markets of the other (non-euro) currencies included in the SDR basket.

8. (a) The Bank shall have the right to transfer at any time all or part of any claim to any member of the Fund, to the central bank or other fiscal agency designated by any member for purposes of Article V, Section 1, of the Fund's Articles of Agreement, or to any official entity that has been prescribed as a holder of SDRs pursuant to Article XVII, Section 3 of the Fund's Articles of Agreement.

(b) The transferee shall acquire all the rights of the Bank under this 2023 Borrowing Agreement with respect to repayment of and interest on the transferred claim, except that the transferee shall acquire the right to request early repayment under paragraph 10 of this 2023 Borrowing Agreement only if it is a member or the central bank or other fiscal agency of a member and, at the time of transfer, the member's balance of payments and reserve position was considered sufficiently strong in the opinion of the Fund for its currency to be usable in transfers under the Financial Transactions Plan.

9. At the request of the Bank, calls on its commitment to meet drawings may be suspended temporarily at any time prior to June 30, 2029, subject to the provisions of Section III, paragraph 4(c) and (d) of the PRGT Instrument.

10. The Bank shall have the right to seek early repayment of all or part of the principal amount of its outstanding claims on the Trust arising from this 2023 Borrowing Agreement and pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument, provided that the Bank represents that the balance of payments and reserve position of Belgium justifies the early repayment, and the Trustee, having given this representation the overwhelming benefit of any doubt, agrees. Early repayment is in all cases subject to the availability of resources under borrowing agreements to the Loan Accounts of the Trust that authorize drawings for such early repayments.

11. Unless otherwise agreed between the Trustee and the Bank, all transfers, exchanges, and payments of principal and interest in currencies shall be made at the exchange rates for the relevant currencies in terms of the SDR established by the Fund pursuant to Article XIX, Section 7(a) of the Fund's Articles of Agreement and the rules and regulations of the Fund thereunder

for the second (Fund) business day before the value date of the transfer, exchange, repayment or payment.

12. If the Fund changes the method of valuing the SDR, all transfers, exchanges, and payments of principal and interest made two or more (Fund) business days after the effective date of the change shall be made on the basis of the new method of valuation.

13. Any question arising under this 2023 Borrowing Agreement shall be settled by mutual agreement between the Bank and the Trustee.

## II. Amendments to the 2020 Borrowing Agreement

The Bank and the Trustee agree that the 2020 Borrowing Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 3 shall be revised to read:

"The Trustee may make drawings under this 2020 Borrowing Agreement to finance (i) loan disbursements by the Trustee under the General Loan Account, and (ii) the early repayment pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument of the Trustee's outstanding indebtedness under other borrowing agreements to any of the Loan Accounts of the Trust."

2. Paragraph 8(b) shall be revised to read:

"The transferee shall acquire all the rights of the Bank under this 2020 Borrowing Agreement with respect to repayment of and interest on the transferred claim, except that the transferee shall acquire the right to request early repayment under paragraph 10 of this 2020 Borrowing Agreement only if it is a member or the central bank or other fiscal agency of a member and, at the time of transfer, the member's balance of payments and reserve position was considered sufficiently strong in the opinion of the Fund for its currency to be usable in transfers under the Financial Transactions Plan."

3. A new paragraph 10 shall be inserted and the following paragraphs shall be renumbered accordingly:

"The Bank shall have the right to seek early repayment of all or part of the principal amount of its outstanding claims on the Trust pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument provided that (i) the Bank represents that the balance of payments and reserve position of Belgium justifies the early repayment, and the Trustee, having given this representation the overwhelming benefit of any doubt, agrees and (ii) the Bank's right under this paragraph 10 will be limited only to requesting early repayment of any outstanding loan amount drawn on or after the effective date of this agreement."

Early repayment is in all cases subject to the availability of resources under borrowing agreements to the Loan Accounts of the Trust that authorize drawings for such early repayments."

### III. Amendments to the 2017 Borrowing Agreement

The Bank and the Trustee agree that the 2017 Borrowing Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 3 shall be revised to read:

"The Trustee may make drawings under this 2017 Borrowing Agreement to finance (i) loan disbursements by the Trustee under the General Loan Account, and (ii) the early repayment pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument of the Trustee's outstanding indebtedness under other borrowing agreements to any of the Loan Accounts of the Trust."

2. Paragraph 8(b) shall be revised to read:

"The transferee shall acquire all the rights of the Bank under this 2017 Borrowing Agreement with respect to repayment of and interest on the transferred claim, except that the transferee shall acquire the right to request early repayment under paragraph 10 of this 2017 Borrowing Agreement only if it is a member or the central bank or other fiscal agency of a member and, at the time of transfer, the member's balance of payments and reserve position was considered sufficiently strong in the opinion of the Fund for its currency to be usable in transfers under the Financial Transactions Plan."

3. A new paragraph 10 shall be inserted and the following paragraphs shall be renumbered accordingly:

"The Bank shall have the right to seek early repayment of all or part of the principal amount of its outstanding claims on the Trust pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument provided that (i) the Bank represents that the balance of payments and reserve position of Belgium justifies the early repayment, and the Trustee, having given this representation the overwhelming benefit of any doubt, agrees and (ii) the Bank's right under this paragraph 10 will be limited only to requesting early repayment of any outstanding loan amount drawn on or after the effective date of this agreement. Early repayment is in all cases subject to the availability of resources under borrowing agreements to the Loan Accounts of the Trust that authorize drawings for such early repayments."

**IV. Effectiveness**

1. This agreement may be executed in one or more duplicate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute but one and the same agreement.
2. The 2023 Borrowing Agreement, the amendments to the 2020 Borrowing Agreement and the amendments to the 2017 Borrowing Agreement shall become effective on the last date written below.

*[Signature Page Follows]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the National Bank of Belgium and the International Monetary Fund, as Trustee of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust, have executed this agreement.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF BELGIUM:

October 2, 2023

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Pierre Wunsch /s  
Governor  
National Bank of Belgium

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Date

For the INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND as Trustee:

October 25, 2023

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Kristalina Georgieva /s  
Managing Director

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Date

## **Attachment II. Amendment to the 2010 and 2020 PRGT Borrowing Agreements Between Danmarks Nationalbank and the International Monetary Fund as Trustee of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust**

Danmarks Nationalbank (the "Bank") and the International Monetary Fund (the "Fund") as Trustee (the "Trustee") of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (the "Trust") have reached understandings on:

- (i) further amendments to the borrowing agreement between them dated January 28, 2010 (as amended, the "2010 Borrowing Agreement"), and
  - (ii) amendments, to the borrowing agreement between them dated February 11, 2021 (the "2020 Borrowing Agreement"),
- as set out in Sections I and II below:

### **I. Amendments to the 2010 Borrowing Agreement**

The Bank and the Trustee agree that the 2010 Borrowing Agreement shall be further amended as follows:

1. A new paragraph 2(c) shall be added:

"The Trustee may make drawings under this agreement to finance (i) loan disbursements by the Trustee under the General Loan Account and (ii) the early repayment pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument of the Trustee's outstanding indebtedness under other borrowing agreements to any of the Loan Accounts of the Trust."

2. Paragraph 7(b) shall be revised to read:

"The transferee shall acquire all the rights of the Bank under this agreement with respect to repayments of principal and payments of interest on the transferred claim, except that the transferee will request early repayment under paragraph 8 of this agreement only if it is a member or the central bank or other fiscal agency of a member and, at the time of transfer, the member's balance of payments and reserve position was considered sufficiently strong in the opinion of the Fund for its currency to be usable in transfers under the Financial Transactions Plan."

3. A new paragraph 8 shall be inserted and the following paragraphs shall be renumbered accordingly:

"The Bank may seek early repayment of all or part of the principal amount of its outstanding claims on the Trust arising from this 2010 Borrowing Agreement and pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument provided that (i) the Bank represents that the balance of payments and reserve position of Denmark justify the early repayment, and the Trustee, having given this representation the overwhelming benefit of any doubt, agrees, and (ii) the Bank's right under this paragraph 8 will be limited only to requesting early repayment of any outstanding loan amount drawn on or after the effective date of this amendment to the agreement. Early repayment is in all cases subject to the availability of resources under borrowing agreements to the Loan Accounts of the Trust that authorize drawings for such early repayments."

## II. Amendments to the 2020 Borrowing Agreement

The Bank and the Trustee agree that the 2020 Borrowing Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 1 shall be revised to read:

“The amount of the loan shall be the equivalent of up to SDR 450 million including accrued interest.”

2. Paragraph 3 shall be revised to read:

“The Trustee may make drawings under this 2020 Borrowing Agreement to finance (i) loan disbursements by the Trustee under the General Loan Account and (ii) the early repayment pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument of the Trustee’s outstanding indebtedness under other borrowing agreements to any of the Loan Accounts of the Trust.”

3. Paragraph 8(b) of the 2020 Borrowing Agreement shall be revised to read:

“The transferee shall acquire all the rights of the Bank under this 2020 Borrowing Agreement with respect to repayments of principal and payments of interest on the transferred claim, except that the transferee will request early repayment under paragraph 9 of this agreement only if it is a member or the central bank or other fiscal agency of a member and, at the time of transfer, the member’s balance of payments and reserve position was considered sufficiently strong in the opinion of the Fund for its currency to be usable in transfers under the Financial Transactions Plan.”

4. A new paragraph 9 shall be inserted and the following paragraphs shall be renumbered accordingly:

“The Bank may seek early repayment of all or part of the principal amount of its outstanding claims on the Trust arising from this 2020 Borrowing Agreement and pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument provided that the Bank represents that the balance of payments and reserve position of Denmark justify the early repayment, and the Trustee, having given this representation the overwhelming benefit of any doubt, agrees. Early repayment is in all cases subject to the availability of resources under borrowing agreements to the Loan Accounts of the Trust that authorize drawings for such early repayments.”

## III. Effectiveness

1. This agreement may be executed in one or more duplicate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute but one and the same agreement.
2. The amendments to the 2010 Borrowing Agreement and the 2020 Borrowing Agreement shall become effective on the last date written below.

*[Signature Page Follows]*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Danmarks Nationalbank and the International Monetary Fund, as Trustee of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust, have executed this agreement.

For the DANMARKS NATIONALBANK:

December 18, 2023

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Christian Kettel Thomsen /s  
Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

For the INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND as Trustee:

December 19, 2023

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Kristalina Georgieva /s  
Managing Director

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Date

## **Attachment III. 2024 Borrowing Agreement Between the Banque de France and the International Monetary Fund as Trustee of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust**

WHEREAS, under the fast-track loan mobilization effort launched in 2020 in response to unprecedented demand for concessional financing driven by the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing economic shocks, the Banque de France (the “Bank”) agreed to provide SDR 2.0 billion to the International Monetary Fund (the “Fund”) as Trustee (the “Trustee”) of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (the “Trust”) under the borrowing agreement that became effective on May 18, 2020 (the “2020 Borrowing Agreement”);

WHEREAS, under a subsequent loan mobilization round launched in July 2021 (the “2021 Loan Mobilization”) to further facilitate the Fund’s support of the recovery of low-income countries from the COVID-19 crisis, the Bank agreed to lend additional resources of SDR 1.0 billion to the Fund, as Trustee of the Trust under a borrowing agreement that became effective on December 2, 2022 (the “2022 Borrowing Agreement”);

WHEREAS, further to the 2021 Loan Mobilization, the Bank and the Fund, as Trustee of the Trust, have reached understandings on a new borrowing agreement (this “2024 Borrowing Agreement”);

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bank and the Fund, as Trustee to the Trust, agree as follows:

The Bank agrees to lend to the Fund, as Trustee of the Trust, for the purpose of providing loan resources to the Trust. Such loan resources shall be provided in accordance with the terms of the Instrument establishing the Trust adopted by the Executive Board of the Fund by Decision No. 8759-(87/176) ESAF, as amended (the “PRGT Instrument”), and on the terms and conditions set out below. This 2024 Borrowing Agreement is based on Section III, paragraph 2 of the PRGT Instrument, which authorizes the Managing Director to enter into borrowing agreements with creditors to the Loan Accounts of the Trust.

1. The amount of the loan shall be the equivalent of up to SDR 1.9 billion.
2. (a) The Trustee may make drawings under this 2024 Borrowing Agreement at any time during the period from the effective date of this 2024 Borrowing Agreement through December 31, 2029. Unless otherwise decided between the Bank and the Trustee, the Trustee shall give the Bank at least five business days’ (Paris) notice of its intention to draw and shall provide payment instructions at least two (Fund) business days prior to the value date of the transaction by SWIFT.  
  
(b) If any installment of principal or interest is not paid to the Bank within a period of ten days after its due date, the Trustee shall not make further drawings under this 2024 Borrowing Agreement pending consultations with the Bank on the matter. However, the Trustee may resume drawings under this 2024 Borrowing Agreement once arrears to the Bank have been discharged.
3. The Trustee may make drawings under this 2024 Borrowing Agreement to finance (i) loan disbursements by the Trustee under the General Loan Account, and (ii) the early repayment pursuant to

Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument of the Trustee's outstanding indebtedness under other borrowing agreements pertaining to any of the Loan Accounts of the Trust.

4. (a) The amount of each drawing shall be denominated in SDRs. Unless otherwise decided between the Trustee and the Bank, the amount shall be paid by the Bank on the value date specified in the Trustee's notice by transfer of SDRs to an account specified by the Trustee.

(b) Upon request, the Trustee shall issue to the Bank a non-negotiable certificate evidencing its claim on the Trust resulting from a drawing outstanding under this 2024 Borrowing Agreement.

5. (a) Each drawing will be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule for the loan disbursements under the facility of the Trust for which it was drawn. At the time of each drawing, the Trustee shall provide information on the specific repayment schedule for the amount drawn. Repayments by the Trust will be made on the relevant maturity dates.

(b) By agreement between the Bank and the Trustee, any drawing or part thereof may be repaid by the Trustee at any time in advance of maturity. Unless otherwise decided between the Bank and the Trustee, a request for agreement on early repayment shall be made by the Trustee with at least five business days' (Paris) notice.

(c) If the relevant maturity date is not a business day of the Fund, the repayment date shall be on the first succeeding business day of the Fund.

6. (a) Each drawing bears interest at the SDR interest rate established by the Fund pursuant to Article XX, Section 3 of its Articles of Agreement.

(b) The amount of interest payable in respect of each drawing shall be calculated on an actual day basis and shall be paid on all outstanding drawings under this 2024 Borrowing Agreement promptly after January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31 of each year.

7. (a) Repayments of principal and payments of interest by the Trustee shall be made in SDRs, unless otherwise agreed between the Trustee and the Bank; provided however that repayments by the Trustee of principal pursuant to paragraph 9 shall be made in SDRs or in a freely usable currency as determined by the Trustee after consultation with the Bank.

(b) Repayments and payments in SDRs by the Trustee shall be made by crediting France's holdings account in the Special Drawing Rights Department. Repayments and payments by the Trustee in currencies shall be made to an account as decided between the Trustee and the Bank.

8. (a) The Bank shall have the right to transfer at any time all or part of any claim to any member of the Fund, to the central bank or other fiscal agency designated by any member for purposes of Article V, Section 1 of the Fund's Articles of Agreement, or to any official entity that has been prescribed as a holder of SDRs pursuant to Article XVII, Section 3 of the Fund's Articles of Agreement.

(b) The transferee shall acquire all the rights of the Bank under this 2024 Borrowing Agreement with respect to repayment of and interest on the transferred claim, except that the transferee shall acquire the right to request early repayment under paragraph 9 of this 2024 Borrowing Agreement only if it is a member or the central bank or other fiscal agency of a member and, at the

time of transfer, the member's balance of payments and reserve position was considered sufficiently strong in the opinion of the Fund for its currency to be usable in transfers under the Financial Transactions Plan.

9. The Bank shall have the right to seek early repayment of all or part of the principal amount of its outstanding claims on the Trust pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument if the Bank represents that the balance of payments and reserve position of France justify the early repayment, and the Trustee, having given this representation the overwhelming benefit of any doubt, accepts. Early repayment is in all cases subject to the availability of resources under borrowing agreements to the Loan Accounts of the Trust that authorize drawings for such early repayments.

10. At the request of the Bank, calls on its commitment to meet drawings may be suspended temporarily at any time prior to June 30, 2029, subject to the provisions of Section III, paragraph 4(c) and (d) of the PRGT Instrument.

11. Unless otherwise decided between the Trustee and the Bank, all transfers, exchanges, and payments of principal and interest in currencies shall be made at the exchange rates for the relevant currencies in terms of the SDR established by the Fund pursuant to Article XIX, Section 7(a) of the Fund's Articles of Agreement and the rules and regulations of the Fund thereunder for the second (Fund) business day before the value date of the transfer, exchange, repayment or payment.

12. If the Fund changes the currency composition or currency weights of the SDR basket, all transfers, exchanges, and payments of principal and interest made two or more (Fund) business days after the effective date of the change shall be made on the basis of the new SDR basket.

13. Any question arising under this 2024 Borrowing Agreement shall be settled by mutual agreement between the Bank and the Trustee.

14. This 2024 Borrowing Agreement may be executed in one or more duplicate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and both of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

15. This 2024 Borrowing Agreement shall become effective on the last date written below.

*[Signature Page Follows]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Banque de France and the International Monetary Fund, as Trustee of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust, have executed this agreement.

For the BANQUE DE FRANCE:

February 3, 2024

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François Villeroy de Galhau /s  
Governor  
Banque de France

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Date

For the INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND as Trustee:

February 13, 2024

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Kristalina Georgieva /s  
Managing Director

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Date

## Attachment IV. Amendment to the Note Purchase Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Fund as Trustee of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust<sup>1</sup>

On behalf of the Trustee of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (the “PRGT”), it is proposed that the Note Purchase Agreement between the Government of Japan and the International Monetary Fund, as Trustee of the PRGT, dated September 3, 2010, as amended, (the “Agreement”) be further amended as follows:

In paragraph 2 (a) of the Agreement, the total principal amount of Notes issuable under the Agreement shall be increased to the equivalent of up to SDR 9.2 billion. Accordingly, paragraph 2(a) of the Agreement shall read as follows:

“Notes in a total principal amount of up to the equivalent of SDR 9.2 billion may be issued under this Agreement.”

For the GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN:

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Shunichi Suzuki /s  
Minister of Finance

September 25, 2023

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Date

For the INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND as Trustee:

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Kristalina Georgieva /s  
Managing Director

October 5, 2023

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Date

<sup>1</sup> The signatures to effect the amendment were provided through an exchange of letters, rather than in the agreement itself.

## **Attachment V. 2023 Borrowing Agreement Between the Bank of Korea and the International Monetary Fund as Trustee of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust**

WHEREAS, under a fast-track loan mobilization round launched in July 2021 to further facilitate the Fund's support of the recovery of low-income countries from the COVID-19 crisis, the Bank of Korea (the "Bank") agreed to lend to the International Monetary Fund (the "Fund") as Trustee (the "Trustee") of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (the "Trust") for the purpose of providing loan resources to the Trust;

WHEREAS, Section III, paragraph 2 of the Instrument establishing the Trust adopted by the Executive Board of the Fund by Decision No. 8759-(87/176) ESAF, as amended (the "PRGT Instrument"), authorizes the Fund, as Trustee of the Trust, to borrow resources for the General Loan Account, the ECF Loan Account, the SCF Loan Account, and the RCF Loan Account of the Trust as specified in Section I, paragraph 2 of the PRGT Instrument (collectively, the "Loan Accounts"), subject to the provisions under the PRGT Instrument, and authorizes the Managing Director of the Fund, as Trustee of the Trust, to enter into borrowing agreements with creditors to the Loan Accounts of the Trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bank and the Fund, as Trustee of the Trust, have reached understandings on a borrowing agreement (the "Borrowing Agreement") as follows:

1. The Bank agrees to lend to the Fund, as Trustee of the Trust, for the purpose of providing loan resources to the Trust in accordance with the terms of the PRGT Instrument and on the terms and conditions set out under this Borrowing Agreement.
2. The amount of the loan shall be the equivalent of up to SDR 450 million.
3. (a) The Trustee may make drawings under this Borrowing Agreement at any time during the period from the effective date of this Borrowing Agreement through December 31, 2029. Unless otherwise agreed between the Bank and the Trustee, the Trustee shall give the Bank at least five (Seoul) business days' written notice of its intention to draw and shall provide payment instructions at least two (Fund) business days prior to the value date of the transaction by SWIFT.  
  
(b) If any instalment of principal or interest is not paid to the Bank within a period of ten days after its due date, the Trustee shall not make further drawings under this Borrowing Agreement pending consultations with the Bank on the matter. However, the Trustee may resume drawings under this Borrowing Agreement once arrears to the Bank have been discharged and confirmed by the Bank in writing.
4. The Trustee may make drawings under this Borrowing Agreement to finance (i) loan disbursements by the Trustee under the General Loan Account, and (ii) the early repayment pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument of the Trustee's outstanding indebtedness under other borrowing agreements pertaining to any of the Loan Accounts of the Trust.

5. (a) The amount of each drawing shall be denominated in SDRs. Unless otherwise agreed between the Bank and the Trustee, the amount shall be paid by the Bank on the value date specified in the Trustee's notice by transfer of SDRs, to an account specified by the Trustee.

(b) Upon request of the Bank, the Trustee shall issue to the Bank a non-negotiable certificate evidencing its claim on the Trust resulting from a drawing outstanding under this Borrowing Agreement.

6. (a) Each drawing shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule for the loan disbursements under the facility of the Trust for which it was drawn. At the time of each drawing, the Trustee shall provide information on the specific repayment schedule for the amount drawn. Repayments by the Trust shall be made on the relevant maturity dates.

(b) By agreement between the Bank and the Trustee, any drawing or part thereof may be repaid by the Trustee at any time in advance of maturity. Unless otherwise agreed between the Bank and the Trustee, a request for agreement on early repayment shall be made by the Trustee with at least five (Seoul) business days' notice.

7. (a) Each drawing bears interest at the SDR interest rate established by the Fund pursuant to Article XX, Section 3 of its Articles of Agreement, whichever is lower.

(b) The amount of interest payable in respect of each drawing shall be calculated on an actual day basis and shall be paid on all outstanding drawings under this Borrowing Agreement promptly after July 31, October 31, January 31, and April 30 of each year.

8. (a) Repayments of principal shall be made in SDRs or, if agreed between the Trustee and the Bank, in a freely usable currency; provided however, that repayments by the Trustee of principal pursuant to paragraph 10 shall be made in SDRs or in a freely usable currency as determined by the Trustee after consultation with the Bank.

(b) Payments of interest by the Trustee shall be made in SDRs or in other media as may be agreed between the Trustee and the Bank.

(c) Payments in SDRs shall be made by crediting the Republic of Korea's holdings account in the Special Drawing Rights Department. If the relevant due date is not a business day of the Fund, the due date for payments in SDRs shall be on the first succeeding business day of the Fund. Payments in freely usable currencies shall be made to an account of the Bank as agreed between the Trustee and the Bank. If the due date is not a business day of the Fund, the Republic of Korea, the Target system, or the domestic markets of the non-euro currencies included in the SDR basket, the payment in freely usable currencies will be made on the following business day for the Fund, the Republic of Korea, the Target system and the domestic markets of the non-euro currencies included in the SDR basket.

9. (a) The Bank shall have the right to transfer at any time all or part of any claim to any member of the Fund, to the central bank or other fiscal agency designated by any member for purposes of Article V, Section 1 of the Fund's Articles of Agreement, or to any official entity that has been prescribed as a holder of SDRs pursuant to Article XVII, Section 3 of the Fund's Articles of



Agreement.

(b) The transferee shall acquire all the rights of the Bank under this Borrowing Agreement with respect to repayment of and interest on the transferred claim, except that the transferee shall acquire the right to request early repayment under paragraph 10 of this Borrowing Agreement only if it is a member or the central bank or other fiscal agency of a member and, at the time of transfer, the member's balance of payments and reserve position was considered sufficiently strong in the opinion of the Fund for its currency to be usable in transfers under the Financial Transactions Plan.

10. The Bank shall have the right to seek early repayment of all or part of the principal amount of its outstanding claims on the Trust pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument if the Bank represents that the balance of payments and reserve position of the Republic of Korea justifies the early repayment, and the Trustee, having given this representation the overwhelming benefit of any doubt, agrees. Early repayment is in all cases subject to the availability of resources under borrowing agreements to the Loan Accounts of the Trust that authorize drawings for such early repayments.

11. At the request of the Bank, calls on its commitment to meet drawings may be suspended temporarily at any time prior to June 30, 2029, subject to the provisions of Section III, paragraph 4(c) and (d) of the PRGT Instrument.

12. Unless otherwise agreed between the Bank and the Trustee, all transfers, exchanges, and payments of principal and interest in currencies shall be made at the exchange rates for the relevant currencies in terms of the SDR established by the Fund pursuant to Article XIX, Section 7(a) of the Fund's Articles of Agreement and the rules and regulations of the Fund thereunder for the second (Fund) business day before the value date of the transfer, exchange, repayment or payment. If this exchange rate determination date is not a business day in Seoul, then such date shall be the last preceding business day of the Fund that is also a business day in Seoul.

13. If the Fund changes the currency composition or currency weights of the SDR basket, all transfers, exchanges, and payments of principal and interest made two or more (Fund) business days after the effective date of the change shall be made on the basis of the new SDR basket.

14. Any question arising under this Borrowing Agreement shall be settled by mutual agreement between Bank and the Trustee.

15. This Borrowing Agreement may be executed in one or more duplicate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and both of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

16. This Borrowing Agreement shall become effective on the last date written below.

*[Signature Page Follows]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Bank of Korea and the International Monetary Fund, as Trustee of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust, have executed this agreement.

For the BANK OF KOREA:

December 20, 2023

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Chang Yong Rhee /s  
Governor

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Date

For the INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND as Trustee:

December 21, 2023

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Kristalina Georgieva /s  
Managing Director

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Date

## **Attachment VI. 2023 Borrowing Agreement Between the State of Qatar represented by the Ministry of Finance of the State of Qatar and the International Monetary Fund as Trustee of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust**

WHEREAS, under a fast-track loan mobilization round launched in July 2021 to further facilitate the Fund's support of the recovery of low-income countries from the COVID-19 crisis, the State of Qatar represented by the Ministry of Finance of the State of Qatar (the "Lender") agreed to lend to the International Monetary Fund (the "Fund") as Trustee (the "Trustee") of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (the "Trust") for the purpose of providing loan resources to the Trust;

WHEREAS, Section III, paragraph 2 of the Instrument establishing the Trust adopted by the Executive Board of the Fund by Decision No. 8759-(87/176) ESAF, as amended (the "PRGT Instrument"), authorizes the Fund, as Trustee of the Trust, to borrow resources for the General Loan Account, the ECF Loan Account, the SCF Loan Account, and the RCF Loan Account of the Trust as specified in Section I, paragraph 2 of the PRGT Instrument (collectively, the "Loan Accounts"), subject to the provisions under the PRGT Instrument, and authorizes the Managing Director of the Fund, as Trustee of the Trust, to enter into borrowing agreements with creditors to the Loan Accounts of the Trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lender and the Fund, as Trustee of the Trust, have reached understandings on a borrowing agreement (the "Borrowing Agreement") as follows:

1. The Lender agrees to lend to the Fund, as Trustee of the Trust, for the purpose of providing loan resources to the Trust in accordance with the terms of the PRGT Instrument and on the terms and conditions set out under this Borrowing Agreement.
2. The amount of the loan shall be the equivalent of up to SDR 150 million.
3. (a) The Trustee may make drawings under this Borrowing Agreement at any time during the period from the effective date of this Borrowing Agreement through December 31, 2029. Unless otherwise agreed between the Lender and the Trustee, the Trustee shall give the Lender at least five (Doha) business days' notice of its intention to draw and shall provide payment instructions at least two (Fund) business days prior to the value date of the transaction by SWIFT.  
  
(b) If any installment of principal or interest is not paid to the Lender within a period of ten days after its due date, the Trustee shall not make further drawings under this Borrowing Agreement pending consultations with the Lender on the matter. However, the Trustee may resume drawings under this Borrowing Agreement once arrears to the Lender have been discharged and confirmed by the Lender in writing.
4. The Trustee may make drawings under this Borrowing Agreement to finance (i) loan disbursements by the Trustee under the General Loan Account, and (ii) the early repayment pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument of the Trustee's outstanding indebtedness under other borrowing agreements pertaining to any of the Loan Accounts of the Trust.

5. (a) The amount of each drawing shall be denominated in SDRs. Unless otherwise agreed between the Lender and the Trustee, the amount shall be paid by the Lender on the value date specified in the Trustee's notice by transfer of SDRs to an account specified by the Trustee.

(b) Upon request of the Lender, the Trustee shall issue to the Lender a non-negotiable certificate evidencing its claim on the Trust resulting from a drawing outstanding under this Borrowing Agreement.

6. (a) Each drawing shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule for the loan disbursements under the facility of the Trust for which it was drawn. At the time of each drawing, the Trustee shall provide information on the specific repayment schedule for the amount drawn. Repayments by the Trust shall be made on the relevant maturity dates.

(b) By agreement between the Lender and the Trustee, any drawing or part thereof may be repaid by the Trustee at any time in advance of maturity. Unless otherwise agreed between the Lender and the Trustee, a request for agreement on early repayment shall be made by the Trustee with at least five (Doha) business days' notice.

7. (a) Each drawing bears interest at a rate of 0.05 per cent per annum calculated on an actual day basis using an actual-day year or at the SDR interest rate established by the Fund pursuant to Article XX, Section 3 of its Articles of Agreement, whichever is lower.

(b) The amount of interest payable in respect of each drawing shall be calculated on an actual day basis and shall be paid on all outstanding drawings under this Borrowing Agreement on a quarterly basis promptly after July 31, October 31, January 31, and April 30 of each year.

8. (a) Repayments of principal shall be made in SDRs or, if agreed between the Trustee and the Lender, in a freely usable currency; provided however, that repayments by the Trustee of principal pursuant to paragraph 10 shall be made in SDRs or in any freely usable currency as determined by the Trustee after consultation with the Lender.

(b) Payments of interest by the Trustee shall be made in SDRs or in other media as may be agreed between the Trustee and the Lender.

(c) Payments in SDRs shall be made by crediting Qatar's holdings account in the Special Drawing Rights Department. If the relevant due date is not a business day of the Fund, the due date for payments in SDRs shall be on the first succeeding business day of the Fund. Payments in freely usable currencies shall be made to an account of the Lender as agreed between the Trustee and the Lender. If the due date is not a business day of the Fund, Qatar, the Target system, or the domestic markets of the non-euro currencies included in the SDR basket, the payment in freely usable currencies will be made on the following business day for the Fund, Qatar, the Target system and the domestic markets of the non-euro currencies included in the SDR basket.

9. (a) The Lender shall have the right to transfer at any time all or part of any claim to any member of the Fund, to the central bank or other fiscal agency designated by any member for purposes of Article V, Section 1 of the Fund's Articles of Agreement, or to any official entity that has been prescribed as a holder of SDRs pursuant to Article XVII, Section 3 of the Fund's Articles of Agreement.

(b) The transferee shall acquire all the rights of the Lender under this Borrowing Agreement with respect to repayment of and interest on the transferred claim, except that the transferee shall acquire the right to request early repayment under paragraph 10 of this Borrowing Agreement only if it is a member or the central bank or other fiscal agency of a member and, at the time of transfer, the member's balance of payments and reserve position was considered sufficiently strong in the opinion of the Fund for its currency to be usable in transfers under the Financial Transactions Plan.

10. The Lender shall have the right to seek early repayment of all or part of the principal amount of its outstanding claims on the Trust pursuant to Section III, paragraph 4(b) of the PRGT Instrument if the Lender represents that the balance of payments and reserve position of Qatar justifies the early repayment, and the Trustee, having given this representation the overwhelming benefit of any doubt, agrees. Early repayment is in all cases subject to the availability of resources under borrowing agreements to the Loan Accounts of the Trust that authorize drawings for such early repayments.

11. At the request of the Lender, calls on its commitment to meet drawings may be suspended temporarily at any time prior to June 30, 2029, subject to the provisions of Section III, paragraph 4(c) and (d) of the PRGT Instrument.

12. Unless otherwise agreed between the Lender and the Trustee, all transfers, exchanges, and payments of principal and interest in currencies shall be made at the exchange rates for the relevant currencies in terms of the SDR established by the Fund pursuant to Article XIX, Section 7(a) of the Fund's Articles of Agreement and the rules and regulations of the Fund thereunder for the second (Fund) business day before the value date of the transfer, exchange, repayment or payment.

13. If the Fund changes the currency composition or currency weights of the SDR basket, all transfers, exchanges, and payments of principal and interest made two or more (Fund) business days after the effective date of the change shall be made on the basis of the new SDR basket.

14. Any question arising under this Borrowing Agreement shall be settled by mutual agreement between Lender and the Trustee.

15. This Borrowing Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and both of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

16. This Borrowing Agreement shall become effective on the last date written below.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the State of Qatar represented by the Ministry of Finance of the State of Qatar and the International Monetary Fund, as Trustee of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust, have executed this agreement.

For the State of Qatar represented by the Ministry of Finance of the State of Qatar:

October 11, 2023

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Ali bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari /s  
Minister of Finance

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Date

For the INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND as Trustee:

October 11, 2023

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Kristalina Georgieva /s  
Managing Director

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Date