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*Re: JSDF Grant for Strengthening Access to Justice for the Poor (Grant No. TF090655) – Supervision
Mission Aide Memoire*

Dear Ms. Abrosimova,

Thank you for the strong support and cooperation extended to the above mission, whose Aide Memoire – which is endorsed – is attached. We are pleased to note that as of December 31, 2010 US\$1.4 million (74% of the total grant amount) has been disbursed. In our view, this rapid pace is the result of outstanding strategic guidance by the Grant Management Council, dedicated implementation by the ILPP, and professional organization of grant activities by the two sub-grant recipients (Human Rights Center in Perm Krai and Citizen's Watch in Leningradskaya Oblast). We also congratulate you on the conduct of the international conference in Moscow on December 3-4, 2010 and are sure you will continue the dissemination of good practices on legal aid provision.

Our team's assessment is that the Grant is on track for accelerated completion well before the scheduled closing date of August 4, 2012. Therefore we would be especially grateful if your team could kindly (i) continue its emphasis on monitoring and periodic reporting of the Grant results; (ii) prepare appropriate proposals for sustaining key grant activities since the actual grant implementation period may be significantly shorter than the anticipated 3-4 year implementation period envisaged at the time of grant preparation.

Our team has appraised the Embassy of Japan in Moscow of the progress of implementation. We are also endorsing a copy of this letter and its attachment to Mr. Jiro Iida in the Embassy. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Pedro Alba

Enclosed: as stated

cc:

Ms. Olga Sidorovich, Director, Institute of Law and Public Policy (ILPP), Moscow
Mr. Jiro Iida, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan, Moscow