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Project Document

1. Project title and project number: Innovation Performance Re	view or rapixistan

2. Expected timing/duration: 1 November 2014- 30 June 2016

3. Objective and brief summary of the project:

The objective of this project is to strengthen the capacity of Tajikistan's policymakers to assess the country's innovation performance, and design effective innovation policies. In order to achieve this overall objective, the project will carry out a comprehensive assessment of the factors driving innovation performance in the country, including the impact of existing policies, and will propose a number of policy recommendations. An international team of experts, in close cooperation with national authorities and with the involvement of a broad range of innovation stakeholders in Tajikistan, will visit the country and prepare six draft chapters to be included in the Review. The draft Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan will be peer-reviewed and the draft recommendations will be discussed with the authorities before a final version is prepared.

The following activities are envisaged within this project:

- 1. Preparatory mission to Tajikistan to discuss the outline and contents of the Review, collect materials and organize the visit of the international team of experts
- 2. Fact-finding mission to Tajikistan with the international team of experts
- 3. Preparation of a draft Innovation Performance Review
- 4. Organization of a meeting to discuss and agree on the recommendations of the Innovation Performance Review.

4. Expected results of the project:

- 1. The Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan is prepared
- 2. The recommendations of the Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan are agreed with national authorities

5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:

The target group of the project will be government officials, dealing with the design and implementation of policies with an impact on innovation performance. Other practitioners, including experts from the business and academic communities, will also participate in the activities of the project. Tajikistan will be the beneficiary of the project.

6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:

The project responds to a request made by the government of Tajikistan at the eighth session of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (ECE/CECI/2014/2, paragraph 36). It contributes to achieving the expected accomplishment "Strengthened national capacity in countries with economies in transition to promote good practices and implement the aforementioned ECE policy recommendations" of the subprogramme 4, Economic Cooperation and Integration, of the UNECE Strategic Framework for 2014-2015 (A/67/6 – Prog 17). This project continues the series of Innovation Performance Reviews carried out by the subprogramme in countries with economies in transition.

7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month of RB staff (P4) time 8. Estimated extra budgetary resources: Donors Amount (US\$) Russian Federation 110,000 9. Project Manager: 10. Section/Division: Economic Cooperation, Trade, and Land Management José Palacín xx.09.2014 Name Date 11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit: 12. Approved by $EXCOM^{1}$: Zamira Eshmambetova xx.09.2014 Chief of PMU Date Date

¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).