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**CERTIFICATE**  
**TO THE NATIONAL CONCIL OF APPLIED ECONOMIC RESEARCH**

**Background / Purpose**

This Certificate is issued by us, in the capacity of Statutory Auditors of National Council of Applied Economic Research ('NCAER') having its Registered Office at Parisila Bhawan, 11 Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi – 110002, relating to the Foreign Contribution received and utilized by NCAER for its various research activities during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 based on the examination / review of the accompanying financial statements which includes Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 and Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and Payments Account for the year then ended, and other explanatory notes and information.

**Management Responsibility**

Management of NCAER is responsible for the preparation of the aforesaid financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and Receipts and Payments of the Foreign Contribution (FC) Account/transactions of NCAER in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles, and for such internal controls as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibilities**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a certificate which includes our conclusion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing's, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. Our Conclusion as given below is also and mainly based on our audit of the financial statements of NCAER for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 on which we have issued our unmodified audit report dated 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2020.

**Conclusion**

We have audited the Foreign Contribution Account of NCAER for the financial year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 and examined all relevant books and vouchers and certify that according to the audited accounts/financial statements:



1. The brought forward unutilized balance for foreign contribution at the beginning of the year was Rs. 7,50,81,414/-.
2. Foreign Contribution of Rs. 11,05,05,857/- was received by NCAER during the financial year 2019-20.
3. Interest income of Rs. 65,73,307/- includes interest accrued but not due on short-term deposits of Rs. 24,02,223/-.
4. The Balance of unutilized foreign contribution as at 31.03.2020 is Rs. 12,16,20,995/- (as per schedule 2 of the Balance sheet) including Rs. 4,66,02,176/- on account of excess of Income over Expenditure as per Income and Expenditure Account.
5. Management has maintained account of Foreign Contribution received and records relating thereto in the manner specified in section 19 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (42 of 2010), as amended read with rule 17 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011, as amended.
6. The information in this certificate and in the enclosed Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure and Receipts and Payments is correct as checked by us, subject to the Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts (Schedule-8).
7. Management has utilized the foreign contribution received for the purposes it is registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (42 of 2010), as amended.

#### **Restrictions for Use**

Our certificate is intended solely for the use of NCAER, and we do not accept or assume any liability or any duty of care to any other person to whom this certificate is shown or into whose hands it may come without our prior consent in writing.

**For S. P. Chopra & Co.**  
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**(Gautam Bhutani)**

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Place: New Delhi  
Date: May 18, 2021

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF APPLIED ECONOMIC RESEARCH  
FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2020**

PARTICULARS	Schedule No.	As at 31st March, 2020 (Rs.)	As at 31st March, 2019 (Rs.)
<b><u>SOURCES OF FUNDS</u></b>			
Capital Asset fund		1,957,261	1,957,261
Corpus Fund	1	36,609,000	36,609,000
Unutilised Funds	2	121,620,995	75,081,414
<b>Total</b>		<b>160,187,256</b>	<b>113,647,675</b>
<b><u>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</u></b>			
Property, plant and equipment		1,957,261	1,957,261
Cash & Bank Balances	3	119,218,772	74,724,903
Investments	4	36,609,000	36,609,000
Interest Accrued but not due		2,402,223	356,511
<b>Total</b>		<b>160,187,256</b>	<b>113,647,675</b>
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts	8		

Schedules 1 to 8 form an integral part of the accounts

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF APPLIED ECONOMIC RESEARCH  
FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2020**

PARTICULARS	Schedule No.	Current Year (Rs.)	Previous Year (Rs.)
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Foreign Contribution for- Research Activities	5	110,505,857	97,212,539
Other Income	6	6,573,307	5,386,884
<b>Total</b>		<b>117,079,164</b>	<b>102,599,423</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>			
Expenditure on Research activities	7	70,476,988	101,088,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>70,476,988</b>	<b>101,088,000</b>
<b>Surplus transferred to Unutilised Funds</b>		<b>46,602,176</b>	<b>1,511,423</b>
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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF APPLIED ECONOMIC RESEARCH

FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2020

RECEIPTS		Amount(Rs.)	PAYMENTS		Amount(Rs.)
<b>Opening Bank Balances</b>			<b>Contributions Utilised</b>		
-ICICI Bank Account No. 000701071203	163,384		IDRC - for study "Think Tank Initiatives"	7,082,000	
-ICICI FCRA Utilisation Account No.000701269788	28,023		Omidyar Network Fund, Inc. - for study "Research on Land and Property Rights in India"	10,600,000	
-Short Term Deposits (linked to FCRA Bank Account)	74,533,496	74,724,903	Health Seeking Behaviour in Four Indian States	10,990,000	
			Ford Foundation- for study "Economic Research on Wage Employment and Migration"	4,056,049	
			Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-for study "The NCAER National Data Innovation Center"	35,371,000	
			IDRC -Leadership Management and Governance Support for Think Tank	777,939	
			Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-for study " State-level Direct Benefit Transfer Readiness Ranking"	1,600,000	70,476,988
<b>Contributions Received</b>			<b>Closing Bank Balances:</b>		
IDRC-TTI Phase-II "Institutional Support to NCAER"	5,570,181		-ICICI Bank Account No. 000701071203		43,648
Nossal Institute Limited, Australi-for study "Health Seeking Behaviour in Four Indian States"	10,782,790		-ICICI FCRA Utilisation Account No.000701269788		30,121
IDRC -Leadership Management and Governance Support for Think Tank	70,931		-Short Term Deposits (linked to FCRA Bank Account)		119,145,003
Omidyar Network Fund, Inc. - for study "Research on Land and Property Rights in India"	22,252,379				
Ford Foundation- for study "Economic Research on Wage Employment and Migration"	3,974,015				
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-for study "The NCAER National Data Innovation Center"	67,855,561	110,505,857			
<b>Other Receipts</b>					
Interest on Savings Bank Account	232,892				
Interest on Short Term Deposit (Net of TDS)	4,232,108	4,465,000			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>189,695,760</b>			<b>189,695,760</b>

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**Schedules forming part of the Accounts****Schedule 1  
Corpus Fund**

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>As at 31st March, 2020 (Rs.)</b>	<b>As at 31st March, 2019 (Rs.)</b>
The Ford Foundation - Contribution	26,849,000	26,849,000
Canadian International Development Agency - Contribution	9,760,000	9,760,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,609,000</b>	<b>36,609,000</b>

**Schedule 2  
Unutilised Funds**

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>As at 31st March, 2020 (Rs.)</b>	<b>As at 31st March, 2019 (Rs.)</b>
Opening Balance	75,081,414	73,664,532
Less: TDS deducted on Short Term Investment	(62,595)	(94,541)
Add : Surplus during the year	46,602,176	1,511,423
<b>Total</b>	<b>121,620,995</b>	<b>75,081,414</b>

**Schedule 3  
Cash & Bank Balances**

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>As at 31st March, 2020 (Rs.)</b>	<b>As at 31st March, 2019 (Rs.)</b>
-ICICI Bank Account No. 000701071203	43,648	163,384
-ICICI Bank Account No.-000701269788	30,121	28,023
-Short Term Deposits (linked to FCRA Bank Account)	119,145,003	74,533,496
<b>Total</b>	<b>119,218,772</b>	



**Schedules forming part of the Accounts**

**Schedule 5  
Foreign contribution for Research activities**

Particulars	Current Year (Rs.)	Previous Year (Rs.)
IDRC-TTI Phase-II "Institutional Support to NCAER"	5,570,181	13,303,942
Nossal Institute Limited, Australi-for study "Health Seeking Behaviour in Four Indian States"	10,782,790	3,168,643
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-for study " State-level Direct Benefit Transfer Readiness Ranking"	-	15,052,807
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-for study "The NCAER National Data Innovation Center"	67,855,561	64,508,139
IDRC -Leadership Management and Governance Support for Think Tank	70,931	1,179,009
Omidyar Network Fund, Inc. - for study "Research on Land and Property Rights in India"	22,252,379	-
Ford Foundation- for study "Economic Research on Wage Employment and Migration"	3,974,015	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,505,857</b>	<b>97,212,539</b>
Fund transferred from study "Evaluation of the Uttar Pradesh Primary Healthcare Service Pilot Project to study "Health Seeking Behaviour in Four Indian States" as per Agreement Variation No.-1 dated 18th September, 2018 of Nossal Institute Limited	-	2,123,424
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>110,505,857</b>	<b>99,335,963</b>

**Schedule 6  
Other Income**

Particulars	Current Year (Rs.)	Previous Year (Rs.)
Interest income on:		
- Savings Bank Accounts	232,892	245,901
- Short term Deposits	6,340,415	5,140,983
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,573,307</b>	<b>5,386,884</b>

**Schedule 7  
Expenditure on Research activities**

Particulars	Current Year (Rs.)	Previous Year (Rs.)
Christian AID Ltd. -for study "The Impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Act on Household Welfare"	-	1,175,000
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-for study " State-level Direct Benefit Transfer Readiness Ranking"	1,600,000	26,267,000
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-for study "The NCAER National Data Innovation Center"	35,371,000	32,791,000
Ford Foundation- for study "Economic Research on Wage Employment and Migration"	4,056,049	4,191,000
IDRC-TTI Phase-II "Institutional Support to NCAER"	7,082,000	30,015,000
IDRC - for study "Think Tank Initiatives"	-	1,250,000
IDRC -Leadership Management and Governance Support for Think Tank	777,939	472,000
J.P. Morgan Securities India Pvt. Ltd.-for study "New Skill at Work-India"	-	245,000
Health Seeking Behaviour in Four Indian States	10,990,000	1,861,000
Omidyar Network Fund, Inc. - for study "Research on Land and Property Rights in India"	10,600,000	-
Nossal Institute Limited, Australi-for study "Evaluation of the Uttar Pradesh Primary Healthcare Service Pilot Project	-	121,000
For Other Projects	-	2,700,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,476,988</b>	<b>101,088,000</b>
Fund transferred from study "Evaluation of the Uttar Pradesh Primary Healthcare Service Pilot Project to study "Health Seeking Behaviour in Four Indian States" as per Agreement Variation No.-1 dated 18th September, 2018 of Nossal Institute Limited	-	2,123,424
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>70,476,988</b>	<b>103,211,424</b>



## Schedules forming part of the Accounts

### Schedule 4 Investments

Particulars	Rate of Interest	Date of Maturity	As at 31st March, 2020 (Rs.)	As at 31st March, 2019 (Rs.)
<b><u>Bonds</u></b>				
Govt of India Bonds - 2005	7.50%	10-Aug-34	2,400,000	2,400,000
State Bank of India-Saving Bond 8%	8.00%	07-Aug-23	15,000,000	15,000,000
<b><u>Fixed Deposits</u></b>				
HDFC Ltd	8.05%	08-Nov-19	-	8,000,000
HDFC Bank Ltd	7.40%	04-Jan-21	100,000	100,000
HDFC Ltd	8.39%	24-Jan-20	-	225,000
State Bank of India	6.80%	07-Feb-21	240,000	240,000
HDFC Ltd	8.25%	21-Dec-19	-	5,000,000
HDFC Ltd	8.39%	08-Jan-20	-	3,527,000
ICICI Bank	8.00%	10-Jan-20	-	1,017,000
HDFC Ltd	8.39%	24-Jan-20	-	1,100,000
IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd	7.50%	08-Nov-20	8,000,000	
LIC Housing Finance Ltd	7.55%	27-Jan-22	225,000	
HDFC Ltd.	7.57%	21-Nov-21	5,000,000	
LIC Housing Finance Ltd	7.55%	14-Jan-22	1,017,000	
HDFC Ltd.	7.60%	08-Apr-21	3,527,000	
LIC Housing Finance Ltd	7.55%	27-Jan-22	1,100,000	
<b>Total</b>			<b>36,609,000</b>	<b>36,609,000</b>





## Schedule 8

### Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to the Foreign Contribution (FC) Account of National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) for the year ended 31st March, 2020

#### A. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

##### 1. **Basis of preparation of the Financial Statements:**

The accompanying financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in India ("GAAP").

##### 2. **Use of Estimates:**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with "GAAP" in India requires the Management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities on the date of financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The difference between actual results and estimates are recognised in the period in which the results are known/materialised.

##### 3. **Revenue Recognition:**

Expenses on the research activities is accounted based on the advice of NCAER. Contribution received from various agencies in foreign currency is accounted for as and when received in FCRA account of NCAER.

##### 4. **Contribution:**

Contributions received from international agencies are credited to "Corpus Fund"/in specific research activity.

##### 5. **Investments:**

Long-term investments are primarily meant to be held over long-term period and are valued at cost. Short Term investments represent the surplus fund available in saving bank account and short term deposits.



**B. NOTES TO ACCOUNTS:**

1. NCAER is registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 bearing registration no. 231650541 dated 05.08.2016.
2. Depreciation is not provided on the Property, plant and equipments.
3. The Investment against Corpus Fund is a part of NCAER's main Corpus Fund. Interest earned thereon is not in FCRA Account and utilized by NCAER to carry out research and other related activities consistent with NCAER's Memorandum of Association and the purpose for which it has been sanctioned.
4. The Unutilised funds represents balance lying in bank (including interest earned on bank balances) and amount of interest accrued but not due on Short Term Deposits.
5. Expenditure incurred in previous years on projects where not adjusted from FCRA Accounts are shown as utilised in current year.
6. The previous year's figures have been regrouped/rearranged wherever considered necessary.

**Schedules 1 to 8 form an integral part of the accounts**

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