

Riga, ___ _____ 2015

Agreement No. LB-07/2015/445

On reimbursement of travel costs in relation to Latvijas Banka Economic Conference 2015
(Procurement LB/2015/89)

Latvijas Banka (hereinafter referred to as the "BANK") represented by Ms. A. Raņķe, Deputy Head of International Relations and Communication Department, Head of Publications Division, acting under Paragraph 87 of the 29 May 2014 Procedure No. 1256/11 "Procedure for Managing of Contracts" adopted by the Board of the BANK, on the one side, and Mr Ivan Mikloš (hereinafter referred to as the "SPEAKER") on the other side (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "PARTIES", each separately – the "PARTY"), hereby enter into the following agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "AGREEMENT").

1. SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT

1.1 The BANK shall commission and the SPEAKER shall undertake to participate in the international economic conference "Quo vadis, Europe? How to achieve growth in high debt environment?" (see the Programme in Appendix of the AGREEMENT) organised by the BANK on 28 October 2015 in Riga, Latvia (hereinafter referred to as the "CONFERENCE"). The BANK shall reimburse SPEAKER'S travel costs related to the CONFERENCE and pay the SPEAKER a fee for participation in the CONFERENCE.

1.2 The BANK shall also arrange and pay for the SPEAKER'S hotel accommodation in relation to the CONFERENCE.

1.3 The SPEAKER shall receive the BANK's prior approval of the respective ticket costs before booking and purchasing the flight ticket.

2. COMING INTO FORCE AND PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF THE AGREEMENT

2.1 The AGREEMENT shall take effect upon its mutual signing and shall be in effect until the liabilities of the PARTIES are fully executed.

3. AMOUNT OF THE AGREEMENT AND SETTLEMENT PROCEDURE

3.1 The fee (the royalties; the personal income tax is not taxed at 15% of the fee) for SPEAKER's participation in the CONFERENCE is EUR 2,486.02 (two thousand four hundred and eighty-two euros and 02 cents)

3.2 The BANK shall transfer the fee referred to in Paragraph 3.1 of the AGREEMENT to the bank account indicated by the SPEAKER within 10 (ten) business days after the end of the CONFERENCE and receipt of SPEAKER's invoice. The BANK withholds from the fee referred to in Paragraph 3.1 of the AGREEMENT the personal income EUR 486.02 (four hundred and eighty-six euros and 02 cents) in accordance with laws

and regulations of the Republic of Latvia. In relation with the settlement referred to in this Paragraph of the AGREEMENT, the BANK shall pay, at its own expense, the value added tax specified by laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia.

3.3 The BANK shall transfer the agreed amount for the flight ticket costs to the bank account indicated by the SPEAKER within 10 (ten) business days following approving of the flight ticket costs and receiving of a copy of the ticket booking confirmation or the electronic ticket, such copy being e-mailed to: [..]. In relation with the settlement referred to in this Paragraph of the AGREEMENT, the BANK shall pay, at its own expense, all taxes specified by laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia.

3.4 The BANK shall cover the accommodation costs of the SPEAKER in Riga at a hotel chosen and booked by the BANK during the CONFERENCE; however the length of stay paid for by the BANK shall not exceed 25 October 2015–29 October 2015. The BANK shall pay for the SPEAKER's accommodation (except for personal expense such as phone calls, laundry etc.) directly to the hotel. In relation with the settlement referred to in this Paragraph of the AGREEMENT, the BANK shall pay, at its own expense, all taxes specified by laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia.

3.5 The BANK may also reimburse to the SPEAKER other travel costs, such as taxi to and from the airport, local public transport costs etc., within 10 (ten) business days following receiving of a copy of the ticket, such copy being e-mailed to: [..].

3.6 The SPEAKER shall send an invoice to the BANK'S Accounting Department. The PARTIES shall agree that the SPEAKER may submit an invoice to the BANK electronically by e-mailing it to: [..]. An invoice sent electronically shall be deemed received on the next business day following its sending to the BANK'S e-mail address indicated in this Paragraph of the AGREEMENT.

3.7. The SPEAKER shall pay, at its own expense, all taxes specified by laws and regulations of Slovak Republic.

4. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTIES

4.1 Where the BANK falls behind the term for making settlements referred to in Paragraphs 3.2 or 3.3 of the AGREEMENT, the BANK shall pay the SPEAKER a penalty of 0.5% (five tenths of per cent) of the amount not paid in a timely manner for each delayed day of the payment. The BANK shall pay the penalty to the SPEAKER within 10 (ten) business days of the day of the receipt of the SPEAKER's written request and the respective invoice.

4.2 Where the performance of any of the obligations specified by the AGREEMENT is delayed, the penalty shall be calculated for the period commencing on the next calendar day following the term for meeting the obligation specified by the AGREEMENT and comprising the day when the obligation is met.

5. FORCE MAJEURE

5.1 A PARTY shall not be held liable for a full or partial failure to perform the obligations specified by the AGREEMENT, where such a failure is caused by circumstances the PARTY cannot foresee at the moment of concluding the AGREEMENT as well as overcome or prevent, including natural hazard, fire, military action or blockade (hereinafter referred to as the "FORCE MAJEURE CIRCUMSTANCES").

5.2 The PARTY failing to perform the obligations specified by the AGREEMENT due to the FORCE MAJEURE CIRCUMSTANCES shall immediately inform the other PARTY to this effect, otherwise the PARTY shall not be entitled to refer to the FORCE MAJEURE CIRCUMSTANCES as an excuse for escaping the responsibility.

5.3 The PARTY failing to perform the obligations specified by the AGREEMENT shall prove the fact of the FORCE MAJEURE CIRCUMSTANCES by a document issued by a competent state or local government institution.

6. TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

6.1 Where the SPEAKER has to cancel his participation in the CONFERENCE for a valid reason, the SPEAKER shall be entitled to terminate the AGREEMENT by giving a written notice to this effect to the BANK and repaying the BANK all payments made to him by the BANK in relation to the CONFERENCE within 10 (ten) business days following giving of the notice.

6.2 Where the SPEAKER fails to arrive at the CONFERENCE without any valid reason, the BANK shall be entitled to terminate the AGREEMENT, by giving a notice to the SPEAKER to this effect. Where the BANK terminates the AGREEMENT pursuant to this Paragraph of the AGREEMENT, the SPEAKER, within 5 (five) business days following the receipt of the BANK'S notification, shall repay the BANK all payments made to him by the BANK in relation to the CONFERENCE and shall pay a penalty of 10% (ten per cent) of the fee referred to in Paragraph 3.1 of the AGREEMENT.

7. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

7.1 The contact person of the BANK in issues related to execution of the AGREEMENT shall be [..].

7.2 All disputes and disagreements that could arise during the performance of the AGREEMENT shall be resolved by the PARTIES by way of mutual negotiations. The disputes and disagreements that are not resolved by way of negotiations shall be settled in accordance with the procedure established by the Republic of Latvia laws and regulations. The place of court proceedings shall be Riga, Latvia.

7.3 All supplements and amendments to the text of the AGREEMENT shall be made in writing and shall be valid only when approved by both PARTIES. The Appendix to the AGREEMENT shall constitute its integral part.

7.4 The AGREEMENT has been drawn up on 5 (five) pages, including Appendix on 1 (one) page, in 2 (two) copies. Both copies of the AGREEMENT shall have equal legal force. After mutual signing, one copy of the AGREEMENT shall be kept by the BANK, the other – by the SPEAKER.

8. ADDRESSES AND BANKING DETAILS OF THE PARTIES

8.1 The BANK – Latvijas Banka K. Valdemāra iela 2A, Riga LV-1050, registered with the Republic of Latvia State Revenue Service's Register of Value Added Tax Payers with No. LV90000158236.

Settlement account with Latvijas Banka No. LV35 LACB 0EUR 1750 5010 0, BIC LACBLV2X.

8.2 The SPEAKER – Mr Ivan Mikloš [..]

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SPEAKER

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PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE

Quo vadis, Europe? How to achieve growth in high debt environment?

28 October 2015, National Library of Latvia, Mūkusalas iela 3, Riga

8.30–9.00 Registration, coffee

9.00–9.15

Opening of the CONFERENCE

Ilmārs Rimšēvičs, Governor, Latvijas Banka

9.15–10.45

Panel Discussion I

Rising public debts: Historical and academic perspective

- *Historical experience: do higher debts translate into higher income levels?*
- *When and how fiscal expansion starts to become ineffective – the role of financial markets and external pressure in general*
- *Are current levels of debt in Europe sustainable (taking into account the fundamentals, such as demographics etc.)*

Luis A. V. Catão, Acting Deputy Chief, the Open Economy Macroeconomics Division,
the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund

Thomas Grennes, Professor of Economics, North Carolina State University

Lucrezia Reichlin, Professor, London Business School

Kenichi Ueda, Professor, the Faculty of Economics, the University of Tokyo

Moderator: John O'Donnell, Journalist, Reuters News

10.45–11.15 Coffee break

11.15–12.45

Panel discussion II

What challenges high public debts pose to monetary policy?

- *Challenges of a single monetary policy with decentralised fiscal policies*
- *The impact of fiscal policies on the monetary policy transmission mechanism*
- *Fiscal and monetary policy interaction during a crisis*

Ivan Mikloš, Member of Parliament of the Slovak Republic, former Minister of Finance

Peter Praet, Member of the Executive Board, the European Central Bank

Ilmārs Rimšēvičs, Governor, Latvijas Banka

Tuomas Saarenheimo, Permanent Under-Secretary, the Ministry of Finance, Finland

*Moderator: Niels H. Bünemann, Finance Commentator and Correspondent, TV2
Denmark*

12.45–14.00 Lunch hosted by Latvijas Banka