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CREDIT NUMBER 1932 CHA

(Rural Sector Adjustment Credit)

between

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated July 15, 1988

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DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated July 15, 1988 between PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (the Association).

WHEREAS (A) the Association has received a letter dated May 25, 1988 from the Borrower describing a program of actions, objectives and policies designed to achieve adjustment of the Borrower's rural sector (hereinafter called the Program), declaring the Borrower's commitment to the execution of the Program, and requesting assistance from the Association in the financing of urgently needed imports required during such execution;

(B) the Borrower has also requested the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) to provide additional assistance towards the financing of the Program and by an agreement of even date herewith between the Borrower and the Bank (the Loan Agreement), the Bank is agreeing to provide such assistance in an aggregate principal amount equivalent to two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) (the Loan);

(C) the Borrower and the Association intend, to the extent practicable, that

the proceeds of the Credit provided for in this Agreement be disbursed on account of expenditures in respect of the Program before disbursements of the proceeds of the Loan provided for in the Loan Agreement are made;

(D) on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, the Association has decided in support of the Program to provide such assistance to the Borrower by making the Credit as hereinafter provided; and

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

General Conditions; Definitions

Section 1.01. The "General Conditions Applicable to Development Credit Agreements" of the Association, dated January 1, 1985, with the modifications thereof set forth below (the General Conditions) constitute an integral part of this Agreement:

(a) Section 2.01, paragraph 9, shall be modified to read:

"'Project' means the imports and other activities that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit pursuant to the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Development Credit Agreement.";

(b) Section 9.06 (c) shall be modified to read:

"(c) Not later than six months after the Closing Date or such later date as may be agreed for this purpose between the Borrower and the Association, the Borrower shall prepare and furnish to the Association a report, of such scope and in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request, on the execution of the Program referred to in the Preamble to the Development Credit Agreement, the performance by the Borrower and the Association of their respective obligations under the Development Credit Agreement and the accomplishment of the purposes of the Credit."; and

(c) the last sentence of Section 3.02 is deleted.

Section 1.02. Unless the context otherwise requires, the several terms defined in the General Conditions and in the Preamble to this Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth and the following additional terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Section 2.02 (b) of this Agreement; and

(b) "Loan Agreement" means the agreement of even date herewith between the Borrower and the Bank for the Program, as such agreement may be amended from time to time, and such term includes the "General Conditions Applicable to Loan and Guarantee Agreements" of the Bank, dated January 1, 1985, as applied to such agreement, and all schedules and agreements supplemental to the Loan Agreement.

ARTICLE II

The Credit

Section 2.01. The Association agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in the Development Credit Agreement, an amount in various currencies equivalent to seventy-two million two hundred forty thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 72,240,000).

Section 2.02. (a) The amount of the Credit may be withdrawn from the Credit Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

(b) The Borrower may, for the purposes of the Program, open and maintain in dollars a special account in a bank and on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association. Deposits into, and payments out of, the Special Account shall be made in

accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be July 31, 1990 or such later date as the Association shall establish. The Association shall promptly notify the Borrower of such later date.

Section 2.04. (a) The Borrower shall pay to the Association a commitment charge on the principal amount of the Credit not withdrawn from time to time at a rate to be set by the Association as of June 30 of each year, but not to exceed the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.

(b) The commitment charge shall accrue: (i) from a date sixty days after the date of this Agreement (the accrual date) to the respective dates on which amounts shall be withdrawn by the Borrower from the Credit Account or cancelled; and (ii) at the rate set as of the June 30 immediately preceding the accrual date or at such other rates as may be set from time to time thereafter pursuant to paragraph (a) above. The rate set as of June 30 in each year shall be applied as of the next payment date in that year specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, except that the rate set as of June 30, 1988 shall be applied as of July 1, 1988.

(c) The commitment charge shall be paid: (i) at such places as the Association shall reasonably request; (ii) without restrictions of any kind imposed by, or in the territory of, the Borrower; and (iii) in the currency specified in this Agreement for the purposes of Section 4.02 of the General Conditions or in such other eligible currency or currencies as may from time to time be designated or selected pursuant to the provisions of that Section.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall pay to the Association a service charge at the rate of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum on the principal amount of the Credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time.

Section 2.06. Commitment and service charges shall be payable semiannually on May 1 and November 1 in each year.

Section 2.07. (a) Subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) below, the Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Credit in semiannual installments payable on each May 1 and November 1 commencing November 1, 1998 and ending May 1, 2023. Each installment to and including the installment payable on May 1, 2008, shall be one and one-fourth percent (1-1/4%) of such principal amount, and each installment thereafter shall be two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) of such principal amount.

(b) Whenever: (i) the Borrower's gross national product per capita, as determined by the Association, shall have exceeded \$790 in constant 1985 dollars for five consecutive years, and (ii) the Bank shall consider the Borrower creditworthy for Bank lending, the Association may, subsequent to the review and approval thereof by the Executive Directors of the Association and after due consideration by them of the development of the Borrower's economy, modify the terms of repayment of installments under paragraph (a) above by requiring the Borrower to repay twice the amount of each such installment not yet due until the principal amount of the Credit shall have been repaid. If so requested by the Borrower, the Association may revise such modification to include, in lieu of some or all of the increase in the amounts of such installments, the payment of interest at an annual rate agreed with the Association on the principal amount of the Credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, provided that, in the judgment of the Association, such revision shall not change the grant element obtained under the above-mentioned repayment modification.

(c) If, at any time after a modification of terms pursuant to paragraph (b) above, the Association determines that the Borrower's economic condition has deteriorated significantly, the Association may, if so requested by the Borrower, further modify the terms of repayment to conform to the schedule of installments as provided in paragraph (a) above.

Section 2.08. The currency of the United States of America is hereby specified

for the purposes of Section 4.02 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE III

Particular Covenants

Section 3.01. (a) The Borrower and the Association shall from time to time, but in the first instance, not later than June 30, 1989, exchange views on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program.

(b) Prior to such exchange of views, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association for its review and comment a report on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program, in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request.

Section 3.02. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

Section 3.03. (a) The Borrower shall maintain or cause to be maintained records and accounts adequate to reflect in accordance with consistently maintained sound accounting practices the expenditures financed out of the proceeds of the Credit.

(b) The Borrower shall:

(i) have the records and accounts referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section including those for the Special Account for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with appropriate auditing principles consistently applied, by independent auditors acceptable to the Association;

(ii) furnish to the Association as soon as available, but in any case not later than six months after the end of each such year, a certified copy of the report of such audit by said auditors, of such scope and in such detail as the Association shall have reasonably requested; and

(iii) furnish to the Association such other information concerning said records and accounts and the audit thereof as the Association shall from time to time reasonably request.

(c) For all expenditures with respect to which withdrawals from the Credit Account were made on the basis of statements of expenditure, the Borrower shall:

(i) maintain or cause to be maintained, in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section, records and accounts reflecting such expenditures;

(ii) retain, until at least one year after the Association has received the audit report for the fiscal year in which the last withdrawal from the Credit Account was made, all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures;

(iii) enable the Association's representatives to examine such records; and

(iv) ensure that such records and accounts are included in the annual audits referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section and that the report of such audit contains a separate opinion by said auditors as to whether the statements of expenditure submitted during such fiscal year, together with the procedures and internal controls involved in their preparation, can be relied upon to support the related withdrawals.

ARTICLE IV

Additional Event of Suspension

Section 4.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (h) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely, that a situation has arisen which shall make it improbable that the Program, or a significant part thereof, will be carried out.

ARTICLE V

Effective Date; Termination

Section 5.01. The following events are specified as additional conditions to the effectiveness of the Development Credit Agreement within the meaning of Section 12.01 (b) of the General Conditions:

- (a) the Borrower's State Council has approved this Agreement; and
- (b) all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the Loan Agreement have been fulfilled, other than those related to the effectiveness of this Agreement.

Section 5.02. The date sixty (60) days after the date of this Agreement is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 12.04 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE VI

Representative of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 6.01. The Minister of Finance of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 6.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Borrower:

Ministry of Finance
Sanlihe
Beijing
People's Republic of China

Cable address:

FINAMIN
Beijing

Telex:

22486 MFPRC CN

For the Association:

International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Cable address:

INDEVAS
Washington, D.C.

Telex:

440098 (ITT)
248423 (RCA) or
64145 (WUI)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names in the District of Columbia, United States of America, as of the day and year first above written.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

By /s/ Qian Yong Nian

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By /s/ Attila Karaosmanoglu

Regional Vice President
Asia

SCHEDULE 1

Withdrawal of the Proceeds
of the Credit and the Loan

1. The table below sets forth the Categories of items to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit and the Loan, the allocation of the amounts of the Credit and the Loan to each Category and the percentage of expenditures for items so to be financed in each Category:

Category	Amount of the Credit Allocated (Expressed in SDR Equivalent)	Amount of the Loan Allocated (Expressed in Dollar Equivalent)	% of Expendi- tures to be Financed
(1) Commo- dities and raw materials for rural sector	18,060,000	50,000,000	100% of foreign expendi- tures
(2) Agricul- tural inputs	48,160,000	133,330,000	100% of foreign expendi- tures
(3) Machinery, equipment and spare parts for rural sector	6,020,000	16,670,000	100% of foreign expendi- tures
TOTAL	72,240,000	200,000,000	

2. For the purposes of this Schedule, the term "foreign expenditures" means expenditures in the currency of any country other than that of the Borrower for goods or services supplied from the territory of any country other than that of the Borrower.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawals shall be made in respect of payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement.

SCHEDULE 2

Procurement

Part A: International Competitive Bidding

1. Except as provided in Part B below, goods shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with procedures consistent with those set forth in Sections I and II of the "Guidelines for Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits" published by the Bank in May 1985 (the Guidelines), with the following modifications:

Paragraphs 2.55 and 2.56 of the Guidelines are deleted.

Part B: Other Procurement Procedures

1. Subject to the prior approval of the Association, commonly traded commodities may be procured through organized international commodity markets or other methods of competitive procurement acceptable to the Association, in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Association.

2. Contracts for goods estimated to cost the equivalent of less than \$5,000,000 each may be awarded on the basis of the normal procurement procedures of the purchaser of such goods acceptable to the Association.

Part C: Review by the Association of Procurement Decision

1. With respect to each contract referred to in Part A of this Schedule the Borrower shall furnish to the Association prior to the submission to the Association of the first application for withdrawal of funds from the Credit or the Loan Account in respect of such contract, two conformed copies of such contract, together with the analysis of the respective bids and recommendations for award, a description of the advertising and tendering procedures followed and such other information as the Association and the Bank shall reasonably request.

2. With respect to each contract referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part B of this Schedule, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association, prior to the submission to the Association of the first application for withdrawal of funds from the Credit or the Loan Account in respect thereof, such documentation and information as the Association may reasonably request to support withdrawal applications in respect of such contract.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 above where payments under a contract are to be made out of the proceeds of the Special Account, the copies of such contract or the documentation and the information to be furnished to the Association pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 above as the case may be, shall be furnished to the Association and the Bank as part of the evidence required under paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

4. The provisions of the preceding paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall not apply to contracts on account of which the Association has authorized withdrawals from the Credit or the Loan Account on the basis of statements of expenditure.

SCHEDULE 3

Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "eligible expenditures" means expenditures in respect of the reasonable cost of goods required during the execution of the Program and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and

(b) the term "Authorized Allocation" means an amount equivalent to \$50,000,000 to be withdrawn from the Credit and Loan Account and deposited in the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of this Schedule.

2. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, payments out of the Special Account shall be made exclusively for eligible expenditures in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule.

3. After the Association has received evidence satisfactory to it that the Special Account has been duly opened, withdrawals of the Authorized Allocation and subsequent withdrawals to replenish the Special Account may be made as follows:

(a) On the basis of a request or requests by the Borrower for a deposit or deposits which add up to the aggregate amount of the Authorized Allocation, the Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit Account or the Loan Account and deposit in the Special Account such amount or amounts as the Borrower shall have requested.

(b) The Borrower shall furnish to the Association requests for replenishment of the Special Account at such intervals as the Association shall specify. On the basis of such requests, the Association shall withdraw from the Credit Account or the Loan Account and deposit into the Special Account such amounts as shall be required to replenish the Special Account with amounts not exceeding the amount of payments made out of the Special Account for eligible expenditures. Each such deposit shall be withdrawn by the Association from the Credit Account or from the Loan Account in the respective equivalent amounts as shall have been justified by the evidence supporting the request for such deposit furnished pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Schedule.

4. For each payment made by the Borrower out of the Special Account for which the Borrower requests replenishment pursuant to paragraph 3 (b) of this Schedule, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association, prior to or at the time of such request, such documents and other evidence as the Association shall reasonably request, showing that such payment was made for eligible expenditures.

5. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Schedule, no further deposit into the Special Account shall be made by the Association when either of the following situations first arises:

(i) the Association shall have determined that all further withdrawals can be made by the Borrower directly from the Credit Account in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and paragraph (a) of Section 2.02 of this Agreement, or directly from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.02 of the Loan Agreement and Article V of the General Conditions applicable thereto; or

(ii) the total unwithdrawn amount of the Credit and of the Loan, minus the amount of any outstanding special commitment entered into by the Association or the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the respective General Conditions with respect to the Program, shall be equal to the equivalent of twice the amount of the Authorized Allocation.

(b) Thereafter, withdrawal from the Credit Account and the Loan Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Credit and the Loan shall follow such procedures as the Association shall specify by notice to the Borrower. Such further withdrawals shall be made only after and to the extent that the Association shall have been satisfied that all such amounts remaining on deposit in the Special Account as of the date of such notice will be utilized in making payments for eligible expenditures.

6. (a) If the Association shall have determined at any time that any payment out of the Special Account (i) was made for any expenditure or in any amount not eligible pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule, or (ii) was not justified by the evidence furnished to the Association, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association, deposit into the Special Account (or, if the Association shall so request, refund to the Association or the Bank) an amount equal to the amount of such payment or the portion thereof not so eligible or justified. No further deposit by the Association into the Special Account shall be made until the Borrower has made such deposit or refund.

(b) If the Association shall have determined at any time that any amount outstanding in the Special Account will not be required to cover further payments for eligible expenditures, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association or the Bank, refund to the Association or the Bank such outstanding amount for crediting to the Credit Account or the Loan Account, as the case may be.

