

CONFORMED COPY

CREDIT NUMBER 2011 SU

ABS Project Agreement

(Emergency Flood Reconstruction Project)

between

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

and

AGRICULTURAL BANK OF SUDAN

Dated May 25, 1989

CREDIT NUMBER 2011 SU

ABS PROJECT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated May 25, 1989, between INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (the Association) and AGRICULTURAL BANK OF SUDAN (ABS).

WHEREAS (A) by the Development Credit Agreement of even date herewith between The Republic of Sudan (the Borrower) and the Association, the Association has agreed to make available to the Borrower an amount in various currencies equivalent to fifty-four million nine hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 54,900,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Development Credit Agreement, but only on condition, inter alia, that ABS agree to undertake such obligations toward the Association as are set forth in this Agreement;

(B) by a subsidiary loan agreement to be entered into between the Borrower and ABS, part of the proceeds of the credit provided for under the Development Credit Agreement will be made available to ABS on the terms and conditions set forth in said Subsidiary Loan Agreement; and

WHEREAS ABS, in consideration of the Association's entering into the Development Credit Agreement with the Borrower, has agreed to undertake the obligations set forth in this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Definitions

Section 1.01. Unless the context otherwise requires, the several terms defined in the Development Credit Agreement, the Preamble to this Agreement and in the General Conditions (as so defined) have the respective meanings therein set forth.

ARTICLE II

Execution of the Project

Section 2.01. ABS declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project as set forth in Schedule 2 to the Development Credit Agreement and, to this end, shall carry out Part A.1-3 of the Project with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, financial, and agricultural practices, and shall provide, or cause to be provided, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for Part A.1-3 of the Project.

Section 2.02. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods and works required for Part A.1-3 of the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit shall be governed by the provisions of the Schedule to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. ABS shall carry out the obligations set forth in Sections 9.03, 9.04, 9.05, 9.06, 9.07 and 9.08 of the General Conditions (relating to insurance, use of goods and services, plans and schedules, records and reports, maintenance and land acquisition, respectively) in respect of this Agreement and Part A.1-3 of the Project.

Section 2.04. ABS shall duly perform all its obligations under the ABS Subsidiary Loan Agreement. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, ABS shall not take or concur in any action which would have the effect of amending, abrogating, assigning or waiving the ABS Subsidiary Loan Agreement or any provision thereof.

Section 2.05. (a) ABS shall, at the request of the Association, exchange views with the Association with regard to the progress of the Project, the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and under the ABS Subsidiary Loan Agreement, and other matters relating to the purposes of the Credit.

(b) ABS shall promptly inform the Association of any condition which interferes or threatens to interfere with the progress of the Project, the accomplishment of the purposes of the Credit, or the performance by ABS of its obligations under this Agreement and under the ABS Subsidiary Loan Agreement.

Section 2.06. ABS shall provide out of the proceeds of the Credit sub-loans in kind or on a cash basis to farmers or cooperatives who meet the eligibility requirements agreed upon among the Borrower, ABS and the Association under terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association which shall include charges at the rate of nineteen percent (19%) per annum and repayment over one (1) year for seasonal sub-loans and up to five (5) years for equipment sub-loans.

ARTICLE III

Management and Operations of ABS

Section 3.01. ABS shall carry on its operations and conduct its affairs in accordance with sound administrative, financial and agricultural practices under the supervision of qualified and experienced management assisted by competent staff in adequate numbers.

Section 3.02. ABS shall take out and maintain with responsible insurers, or make other provision satisfactory to the Association for, insurance against such risks and in such amounts as shall be consistent with appropriate practice.

ARTICLE IV

Financial Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) ABS shall maintain records and accounts adequate to reflect in accordance with sound accounting practices its operations and financial condition.

(b) ABS shall:

- (i) have its records, accounts and financial statements (balance sheets, statements of income and expenses and related statements) 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 copies of its financial statements for such year as so audited; and (B) 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, accounts and financial statements as well as the audit thereof, as the Association shall from time to time reasonably request.

ARTICLE V

Effective Date; Termination; Cancellation and Suspension

Section 5.01. The following events are specified as conditions to the effectiveness of this Agreement:

- (a) the Development Credit Agreement has been declared effective;
- (b) the ABS Subsidiary Loan Agreement has been executed on behalf of the Borrower and ABS; and
- (c) the Association has received an opinion or opinions satisfactory to the Association of counsel acceptable to the Association showing: (i) that the ABS Project Agreement has been duly executed by ABS and is legally binding upon ABS in accordance with its terms; and (ii) that the ABS Subsidiary Loan Agreement has been duly executed by the Borrower and ABS and is legally binding upon the Borrower and ABS in accordance with its terms.

Section 5.02. (a) This Agreement and all obligations of the Association and of ABS thereunder shall terminate on the earlier of the following two dates:

- (i) the date on which the Development Credit Agreement shall terminate in accordance with its terms; or
 - (ii) the date ten years after the date of this Agreement.
- (b) If the Development Credit Agreement terminates in accordance with its terms before the date specified in paragraph (a) (ii) of this Section, the Association shall promptly notify ABS of this event.

Section 5.03. All the provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding any cancellation or suspension under the General Conditions.

ARTICLE VI

Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 6.01. Any notice or request required or permitted to be given or made under this Agreement and any agreement between the parties contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing. Such notice or request

shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when it shall be delivered by hand or by mail, telegram, cable, telex or radiogram to the party to which it is required or permitted to be given or made at such party's address hereinafter specified or at such other address as such party shall have designated by notice to the party giving such notice or making such request. The addresses so specified are:

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)

For ABS:

Agricultural Bank of Sudan
P.O. Box 1363
Khartoum, Sudan

Cable address:

MASRAF

Telex:

610

Section 6.02. Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed, under this Agreement on behalf of ABS may be taken or executed by the Chairman and Managing Director or such other person or persons as the Chairman and Managing Director shall designate in writing, and ABS shall furnish to the Association sufficient evidence of the authority and the authenticated specimen signature of each such person.

Section 6.03. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all collectively but one instrument.

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.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By /s/ Edward V. K. Jaycox

Regional Vice President
Africa

AGRICULTURAL BANK OF SUDAN

By /s/ Hassan Elamin Elbashir

Authorized Representative

SCHEDULE

Procurement

Part A: International Competitive Bidding

Except as provided in Part C hereof, 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).

Part B: Preference for Domestic Manufacturers

In the procurement of goods in accordance with the procedures described in Part A hereof, goods manufactured in Sudan may be granted a margin of preference in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of paragraphs 2.55 and 2.56 of the Guidelines and paragraphs 1 through 4 of Appendix 2 thereto.

Part C: Other Procurement Procedures

1. Seeds, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed the equivalent of \$300,000, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of comparison of price quotations solicited from a list of at least three suppliers from at least two different countries eligible under the Guidelines, in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Association.

2. Seeds, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed the equivalent of \$200,000, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of comparison of price quotations solicited from a list of at least three suppliers eligible under the Guidelines, in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Association.

3. Goods and services under Part A.3 of the Project shall be purchased at a reasonable price, account being taken also of other relevant factors such as time of delivery and efficiency and reliability of the goods and availability of maintenance facilities and spare parts therefor and, in the case of services, of their quality and the competence of the parties rendering them.

Part D: Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions

1. Review of invitations to bid and of proposed awards and final contracts:

(a) With respect to each contract estimated to cost the equivalent of \$50,000 or more, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 and 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply. Where payments for such contracts are to be made out of the Special Account, such procedures shall be modified to ensure that the two conformed copies of the contract required to be furnished to the Association pursuant to said paragraph 2 (d) shall be furnished to the Association prior to the making of the first payment out of the Special Account in respect of such contract.

(b) With respect to each contract not governed by the preceding paragraph, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply. Where payments for such contract are to be made out of the Special Account, such procedures shall be modified to ensure that the two conformed copies of the contract together with the other information required to be furnished to the Association pursuant to said paragraph 3 shall be furnished to the Association as part of the evidence to be furnished pursuant to paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to the Development Credit Agreement.

(c) The provisions of the preceding subparagraphs (a) and (b) shall not apply to contracts on account of which the Association has authorized withdrawals from the Credit Account on the basis of statements of expenditure. Such contracts shall be retained in accordance with Section 4.01 (a) (ii) of the Development Credit Agreement.

2. The figure of 15% is hereby specified for purposes of paragraph 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines.

