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LOAN NUMBER 3374 CS

Loan Assumption Agreement

(Structural Adjustment Loan)

between

CZECH REPUBLIC

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated as of January 1, 1993

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LOAN ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated as of January 1, 1993, between CZECH REPUBLIC and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

- WHEREAS (A) the Bank received a letter, dated June 6, 1991, from the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (the CSFR) describing a program of actions, objectives and policies designed to achieve structural adjustment of the CSFR's economy (the Program), declaring the CSFR's commitment to the execution of the Program, and requesting assistance from the Bank in the financing of urgently needed imports required during such execution;
- (B) by a loan agreement (the Loan Agreement), dated July 31, 1991, between the Bank and the CSFR, the Bank agreed to support the Program by extending to the CSFR a loan (the Loan) in three tranches in various currencies aggregating the equivalent of four hundred fifty million dollars (\$450,000,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement;
- (C) by a letter to the Bank, dated December 15, 1992, the Czech Republic confirmed that, in the event the CSFR separated into

two states, the Czech Republic would service, as borrower, two-thirds of the principal, interest and other charges of the Loan;

- (D) by a letter to the Bank, dated November 24, 1992, the Slovak Republic confirmed that, in the event the CSFR separated into two states, the Slovak Republic would service, as borrower, onethird of the principal, interest and other charges of the Loan;
- $({\tt E})$ $\,$ the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic have agreed to assume all other obligations of the CSFR as provided in the Loan Agreement;
- (F) the CSFR ceased to exist on December 31, 1992 and was succeeded on January 1, 1993, by the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic as independent and sovereign states; and
- (G) on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, the Bank decided to release the third tranche of the Loan in the amount of the equivalent of one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) in continued support of the Program;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Assumption of Part of the Obligations under the Loan Agreement

Section 1.01. The Czech Republic hereby assumes and agrees to carry out (a) the obligation of the CSFR to repay the principal and pay interest and other charges and premium, if any, in respect of two-thirds of the Loan and (b) all other obligations of the CSFR under the Loan Agreement, and the Bank hereby recognizes the succession of the Czech Republic to the rights of the CSFR under the Loan Agreement, with the same effect as though the words "the Czech Republic" were substituted for the words "the Borrower" and the words "the part of the Loan the Czech Republic has agreed to repay" were substituted for the words "the Loan" wherever used therein, subject to the following modifications of the Loan Agreement:

"Section 1.01 (b) 'Central Bank of the Czech Republic' means the Czech National Bank, established and operating pursuant to Law No. 6/1993 of the Czech Republic adopted on December 17, 1992, as the same may be amended from time to time."

- (b) Delete the words "Central Bank" from Section 2.08 (a) and substitute therefor the words "Central Bank of the Czech Republic".
- (c) Delete the Amortization Schedule in Schedule 2 and substitute therefor the following new Amortization Schedule:

Payment of Principal
of the Part of the
Loan the Czech
Republic has agreed
to repay
(expressed in dollars)*

Date Payment Due

On each March 15 and September 15

Beginning March 15, 1997 through September 15, 2006 15,000,000

^{*} The figure in this column represents dollar equivalents

determined as of the respective dates of withdrawal. See General Conditions, Sections 3.04 and 4.03.

ARTICLE II

Effective Date; Miscellaneous

Section 2.01. This Agreement shall take effect as of January 1, 1993.

Section 2.02. The Czech Republic shall furnish the Bank, not later than April 30, 1993:

- (a) evidence, satisfactory to the Bank, that the execution and delivery of the Loan Assumption Agreement on behalf of the Czech Republic has been duly authorized or ratified by all necessary governmental action; and
- (b) an opinion satisfactory to the Bank of counsel acceptable to the Bank or, if the Bank shall so request, a certificate satisfactory to the Bank of a competent official of the Czech Republic showing:
 - (i) that the Loan Assumption Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by, and executed and delivered on behalf of, the Czech Republic and is legally binding upon the Czech Republic in accordance with its terms; and
 - (ii) such other matters as shall be reasonably requested by the Bank in connection therewith.

Section 2.03. The Minister of Finance of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 2.04. The following address is designated to the Bank by the Czech Republic for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

Ministry of Finance Letenska 15 11810 Prague 1 Czech Republic

Telex:

121686

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.

CZECH REPUBLIC

By /s/ M. Zantovsky

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ K. Dervis

Acting Regional Vice President

Europe and Central Asia