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LOAN NUMBER 3637 SK

Loan Agreement

(Telecommunications Project)

between

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION  
AND DEVELOPMENT

and

SLOVAK TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Dated August 18, 1993

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated August 18, 1993, between INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank) and SLOVAK TELECOMMUNICATIONS (the Borrower).

WHEREAS (A) Slovak Republic (the Guarantor) and the Borrower, having been satisfied as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, have requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) by an agreement (the Guarantee Agreement) of even date herewith between the Guarantor and the Bank, the Guarantor has agreed to guarantee the obligations of the Borrower in respect of the Loan;

(C) the European Investment Bank (EIB) intends to make loans (the EIB Loans) to the Borrower pursuant to agreements (the EIB Loan Agreements) in an aggregate principal amount equivalent to ECU 45,000,000 to assist in financing the Project on the terms and conditions set forth in the EIB Loan Agreements;

(D) the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) intends to make loans (the EBRD Loans) to the Borrower

pursuant to agreements (the EBRD Loan Agreements) in an aggregate principal amount equivalent to ECU 44,000,000 to assist in financing the Project on the terms and conditions set forth in the EBRD Loan Agreements; and

WHEREAS the Bank has agreed, on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, to extend the Loan to the Borrower upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

##### General Conditions; Definitions

Section 1.01. The "General Conditions Applicable to Loan and Guarantee Agreements" of the Bank, dated January 1, 1985, with the modifications set forth below (the General Conditions) constitute an integral part of this Agreement:

(a) The last sentence of Section 3.02 is deleted.

(b) In Section 6.02, sub-paragraph (k) is re-lettered as sub-paragraph (l) and a new sub-paragraph (k) is added to read:

"(k) An extraordinary situation shall have arisen under which any further withdrawals under the Loan would be inconsistent with the provisions of Article III, Section 3 of the Bank's Articles of Agreement."

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 terms have the following meanings:

(a) "ECU" means European Currency Unit; and

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

#### ARTICLE II

##### The Loan

Section 2.01. The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in the Loan Agreement, various currencies that shall have an aggregate value equivalent to the amount of fifty-five million dollars (\$55,000,000), being the sum of withdrawals of the proceeds of the Loan, with each withdrawal valued by the Bank as of the date of such withdrawal.

Section 2.02. (a) The amount of the Loan may be withdrawn from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement for expenditures made (or, if the Bank shall so agree, to be made) in respect of the reasonable cost of goods and services required for the Project described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan.

(b) The Borrower shall, for the purposes of the Project, open and maintain in Dollars a special deposit account in a commercial bank on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Bank, including appropriate protection against set-off, seizure or attachment. Deposits into, and payments out of, the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 6 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be June 30, 1998 or such later date as the Bank shall establish. The Bank shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Guarantor of such later date.

Section 2.04. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a commitment charge at the rate of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per

annum on the principal amount of the Loan not withdrawn from time to time.

Section 2.05. (a) The Borrower shall pay interest on the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, at a rate for each Interest Period equal to the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of the preceding Semester, plus one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%). On each of the dates specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, the Borrower shall pay interest accrued on the principal amount outstanding during the preceding Interest Period, calculated at the rate applicable during such Interest Period.

(b) As soon as practicable after the end of each Semester, the Bank shall notify the Borrower and the Guarantor of the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of such Semester.

(c) For the purposes of this Section:

- (i) "Interest Period" means a six-month period ending on the date immediately preceding each date specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, beginning with the Interest Period in which this Agreement is signed.
- (ii) "Cost of Qualified Borrowings" means the cost, as reasonably determined by the Bank and expressed as a percentage per annum, of the outstanding borrowings of the Bank drawn down after June 30, 1982, excluding such borrowings or portions thereof as the Bank has allocated to fund: (A) the Bank's investments; and (B) loans which may be made by the Bank after July 1, 1989 bearing interest rates determined otherwise than as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section.
- (iii) "Semester" means the first six months or the second six months of a calendar year.

(d) On such date as the Bank may specify by no less than six months' notice to the Borrower, paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) (iii) of this Section shall be amended to read as follows:

"(a) The Borrower shall pay interest on the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, at a rate for each Quarter equal to the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of the preceding Quarter, plus one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%). On each of the dates specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, the Borrower shall pay interest accrued on the principal amount outstanding during the preceding Interest Period, calculated at the rates applicable during such Interest Period."

"(b) As soon as practicable after the end of each Quarter, the Bank shall notify the Borrower and the Guarantor of the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of such Quarter."

"(c) (iii) 'Quarter' means a three-month period commencing on January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1 in a calendar year."

Section 2.06. Interest and other charges shall be payable semiannually on February 15 and August 15 in each year.

Section 2.07. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE III

## Execution of the Project

Section 3.01. (a) The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project as set forth in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and, to this end, shall carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, financial and public utility practices, and shall provide, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for the Project.

(b) Without limitation upon the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section and except as the Bank and the Borrower shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Implementation Program set forth in Schedule 5 to this Agreement.

Section 3.02. Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods, works and consultants' services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

## ARTICLE IV

### Management and Operations of the Borrower

Section 4.01. The Borrower shall carry on its operations and conduct its affairs in accordance with sound administrative, financial and public utility practices under the supervision of qualified and experienced management assisted by competent staff in adequate numbers.

Section 4.02. The Borrower shall at all times operate and maintain its plants, machinery, equipment and other property, and from time to time, promptly as needed, make all necessary repairs and renewals thereof, all in accordance with sound engineering, financial and public utility practices.

Section 4.03. The Borrower shall take out and maintain with responsible insurers, or make other provision satisfactory to the Bank for, insurance against such risks and in such amounts as shall be consistent with appropriate practice.

## ARTICLE V

### Financial Covenants

Section 5.01. (a) The Borrower shall maintain records and accounts adequate to reflect in accordance with sound accounting practices its operations and financial condition.

(b) The Borrower shall:

- (i) have its records, accounts and financial statements (balance sheets, statements of income and expenses and related statements), the records and accounts for expenditures under the Project and the records and accounts for the Special Account for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with appropriate auditing principles consistently applied, by independent auditors acceptable to the Bank;
- (ii) furnish to the Bank as soon as available, but in any case not later than six months after the end of the 1993, 1994 and 1995 fiscal years, and not later than four months after the end of each year thereafter (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 Bank shall have reasonably requested;

- (iii) furnish to the Bank as soon as available, but in any case not later than two months after the end of each calendar quarter, beginning with the calendar quarter ending on September 31, 1993, a statement of income and expenses and, beginning with the calendar quarter ending on March 31, 1994, a cash flow statement and a balance sheet; and
- (iv) furnish to the Bank such other information concerning said records, accounts and financial statements as well as the audit thereof as the Bank shall from time to time reasonably request.

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

- (i) maintain, in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section, records and accounts reflecting such expenditures;
- (ii) retain, until at least one year after the Bank has received the audit report for the fiscal year in which the last withdrawal from the Loan Account or payment out of the Special Account was made, all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures;
- (iii) enable the Bank's representatives to examine such records; and
- (iv) ensure that such records and accounts are included in the annual audit 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.

Section 5.02. (a) Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall, for each of its fiscal years after its fiscal year ending on December 31, 1993:

- (i) produce funds from internal sources equivalent to not less than 55% of the annual average of the Borrower's capital expenditures incurred, or expected to be incurred, for that year, the previous fiscal year and the next following fiscal year; and
- (ii) maintain, for each of its fiscal years after its fiscal year ending on December 31, 1992, a ratio of total operating expenses to total operating revenues not higher than 65%.

(b) Before October 31 in each of its fiscal years, the Borrower shall, on the basis of forecasts prepared by the Borrower and satisfactory to the Bank, review whether it would meet the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) in respect of such year and the next following fiscal year and shall furnish to the Bank a copy of such review upon its completion.

(c) If any such review shows that the Borrower would not meet the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) for the Borrower's fiscal years covered by such review, the Borrower shall promptly take all necessary measures (including, without limitation, adjustments of the structure or levels of its rates) in order to meet such requirements.

- (d) For the purpose of this Section:
- (i) The term "funds from internal sources" means the difference between:
    - (A) the sum of revenues from all sources related to operations, consumer deposits and consumer contributions in aid of construction, net non-operating income and any reduction in working capital other than cash; and
    - (B) the sum of all expenses related to operations, including administration, adequate maintenance and taxes and payments in lieu of taxes (excluding provision for depreciation and other non-cash operation charges), debt service requirements, all distributions of surplus, increases in working capital other than cash and other cash outflows other than capital expenditure.
  - (ii) The term "net non-operating income" means the difference between:
    - (A) revenues from all sources other than those related to operations; and
    - (B) expenses, including taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, incurred in the generation of revenues in (A) above.
  - (iii) The term "working capital other than cash" means the difference between current assets excluding cash and current liabilities at the end of each financial year.
  - (iv) The term "current assets excluding cash" means all assets other than cash which could in the ordinary course of business be converted into cash within twelve months, including accounts receivable, marketable securities, inventories and pre-paid expenses properly chargeable to operating expenses within the next fiscal year.
  - (v) The term "current liabilities" means all liabilities which will become due and payable or could under the circumstances then existing be called for payment within twelve months, including accounts payable, consumer advances, debt service requirements, taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, and dividends.
  - (vi) The term "debt service requirements" means the aggregate amount of repayments (including sinking fund payments, if any) of, and interest and other charges on, debt.
  - (vii) The term "capital expenditures" means all expenditures incurred on account of fixed assets, including interest charged to construction, related to operations.
  - (viii) The term "total operating expenses" means all expenses related to operations, including administration, adequate maintenance, and provision for depreciation on the average current gross value of the Borrower's fixed assets in operation on a basis acceptable to the Bank, but excluding interest and other charges on debt.

- (ix) The term "total operating revenues" means revenues from all sources related to operations.
- (x) The average current gross value of the Borrower's fixed assets in operation shall be calculated as one half of the sum of the gross value of the Borrower's fixed assets in operation at the beginning and at the end of the fiscal year, as valued from time to time in accordance with sound and consistently maintained methods of valuation satisfactory to the Bank.
- (xi) Whenever for purposes of this Section it shall be necessary to value, in terms of the currency of the Guarantor, debt payable in another currency, such valuation shall be made on the basis of prevailing lawful rate of exchange at which such other currency is, at the time of such valuation, obtainable for the purpose of servicing such debt, or, in the absence of such rate, on the basis of a rate of exchange acceptable to the Bank.

Section 5.03. (a) Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall not incur any debt, unless a reasonable forecast of the revenues and expenditures of the Borrower shows that the estimated net revenues of the Borrower for the fiscal year immediately preceding the date of such incurrence or for a later twelve-month period ending prior to the date of such incurrence, whichever is greater, shall be at least 2.5 times the estimated maximum debt service requirements of the Borrower for any succeeding fiscal year on all debt of the Borrower, including the debt to be incurred.

(b) For the purpose of this Section:

- (i) The term "debt" means any indebtedness of the Borrower maturing by its terms more than one year after the date on which it is originally incurred.
- (ii) Debt shall be deemed to be incurred:
  - (A) under a loan contract or agreement or other instrument providing for such debt or for modification of its terms of payment on the date of such contract, agreement or instrument; and
  - (B) under a guarantee agreement, on the date the agreement providing for such guarantee has been entered into.
- (iii) The term "net revenues" means the difference between:
  - (A) the sum of revenues from all sources related to operations adjusted to take account of the Borrower's tariffs in effect at the time of the incurrence of debt even though they were not in effect during the twelve-month period to which such revenues relate and net non-operating income; and
  - (B) the sum of all expenses related to operations including administration, adequate maintenance, taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, but excluding provision for depreciation, other non-cash operating charges and interest and other charges on debt.

- (iv) The term "net non-operating income" means the difference between:
  - (A) revenues from all sources other than those related to operations; and
  - (B) expenses, including taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, incurred in the generation of revenues in (A) above.
- (v) The term "debt service requirements" means the aggregate amount of repayments (including sinking fund payments, if any) of, and interest and other charges on, debt.
- (vi) The term "reasonable forecast" means a forecast prepared by the Borrower not earlier than six months prior to the incurrence of the debt in question, which both the Bank and the Borrower accept as reasonable and to which the Bank has notified the Borrower of its acceptability, provided that no event has occurred since such notification which has, or may reasonably be expected in the future to have, a material adverse effect on the financial condition or future operating results of the Borrower.
- (vii) Whenever for purposes of this Section it shall be necessary to value, in terms of the currency of the Guarantor, debt payable in another currency, such valuation shall be made on the basis of prevailing lawful rate of exchange at which such other currency is, at the time of such valuation, obtainable for the purpose of servicing such debt, or, in the absence of such rate, on the basis of a rate of exchange acceptable to the Bank.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Remedies of the Bank

Section 6.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (1) of the General Conditions, the following additional events are specified:

- (a) The Borrower's statutes or any law of the Guarantor pertaining to the operations of the Borrower shall have been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of the Borrower to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement.
- (b) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph:
  - (A) the right of the Borrower to withdraw the proceeds of any loan or grant made to the Borrower for the financing of the Project shall have been suspended, cancelled or terminated in whole or in part, pursuant to the terms thereof, or
  - (B) any such loan shall have become due and payable prior to the agreed maturity thereof.
- (ii) Subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall not apply if the Borrower establishes to the satisfaction of the Bank that:
  - (A) such suspension, cancellation, termination or prematuring is not caused by the failure of the Borrower to perform any of its obligations under such agreement; and



- (B) adequate funds for the Project are available to the Borrower from other sources on terms and conditions consistent with the obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement.

Section 6.02. Pursuant to Section 7.01 (h) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely, that the event specified in paragraph (b) (i) (B) of Section 6.01 of this Agreement shall occur, subject to the proviso of paragraph (b) (ii) of that Section.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Effective Date; Termination

Section 7.01. The following event is specified as an additional condition to the effectiveness of the Loan Agreement within the meaning of Section 12.01 (c) of the General Conditions:

(a) all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the EIB Loan Agreements have been fulfilled, other than those related to the effectiveness of this Agreement;

(b) all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the EBRD Loan Agreements have been fulfilled, other than those related to the effectiveness of this Agreement; and

(c) the Borrower has furnished the Bank with a satisfactory financing plan for its development program during the 1993-1995 period.

Section 7.02. The date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 12.04 of the General Conditions.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Representative of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 8.01. The General Director of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 8.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Bank:

International Bank for  
Reconstruction and Development  
1818 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20433  
United States of America

Cable address:Telex:

INTBAFRAD	248423 (RCA)
Washington, D.C.	82987 (FTCC)
	64145 (WUI) or
	197688 (TRT)

For the Borrower:

Slovak Telecommunications  
Namestie slobody 6  
817 62 Bratislava  
Slovak Republic

Telex:

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 BANK FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ K. Dervis  
Acting Regional Vice President  
Europe and Central Asia

SLOVAK TELECOMMUNICATIONS

By /s/ V. Ondrovic  
Authorized Representative

SCHEDULE 1

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Loan

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

Category	Amount of the Loan Allocated (Expressed in Dollar Equivalent)	% of Expenditures to be Financed
(1) Goods and related installation services	44,000,000	100% of foreign expenditures, 100% of local expenditures (ex-factory cost) and 85% of local expenditures for other items procured locally
(2) Consultants' services and training	3,000,000	100%
(3) Unallocated	8,000,000	
TOTAL	55,000,000 =====	

2. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "foreign expenditures" means expenditures in the currency of any country other than that of the Guarantor for goods or services supplied from the territory of any country other than that of the Guarantor; and

(b) the term "local expenditures" means expenditures in the currency of the Guarantor or for goods or services supplied from the territory of the Guarantor.

## SCHEDULE 2

### Description of the Project

The objectives of the Project are to support the Borrower's development program during the 1992-1995 period (Investment Program) for: (i) digitalization and expansion of core network in order to reduce congestion on key network elements, to provide modern digital communications for enterprises, and to provide a sound foundation for future modernization and expansion of the entire network; and (ii) institutional and policy improvements to the Borrower's telecommunications operations.

The Project consists of the following parts, subject to such modifications thereof as the Borrower and the Bank may agree upon from time to time to achieve such objectives:

#### Part A: Investment Program

(1) Construction of an overlay digital long distance network consisting of:

(a) four transit exchanges with about 20,000 trunks; and

(b) a long distance transmission network with about 2,600 km of fiber optic cables and multiplex equipment, coaxial and microwave transmission equipment.

(2) Development of a local network consisting of:

(a) provision and installation of about 33,000 lines of switching capacity (analog type) mainly for expansion of existing analog exchanges;

(b) provision and installation of about 410,000 lines of switching capacity of which about 160,000 lines are to be used for replacement of obsolete equipment; and

(c) provision and installation of about 220 km of fiber optic cables and about 690,000 km pairs of copper cables and subscriber equipment.

(3) Provision of network management centers, measuring and testing instruments, training equipment, software tools and miscellaneous related equipment.

#### Part B: Institutional Development Program

(1) Carrying out of an institutional development program to strengthen the Borrower in the following areas:

(a) corporate and market strategic planning;

(b) human resource management and development;

(c) accounting and finance capability;

(d) auditing capability;

(e) engineering capability in line with modern technology;  
and

(f) project planning and execution capability;

and the provision of technical assistance required therefor.

(2) Carrying out of a training program to strengthen the finan-

cial, accounting and related skills of the staff of the Borrower.

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The Project is expected to be completed by December 31, 1997.

SCHEDULE 3

Amortization Schedule

Date Payment Due	Payment of Principal (expressed in dollars)*
February 15, 1998	1,290,000
August 15, 1998	1,340,000
February 15, 1999	1,390,000
August 15, 1999	1,440,000
February 15, 2000	1,495,000
August 15, 2000	1,550,000
February 15, 2001	1,610,000
August 15, 2001	1,670,000
February 15, 2002	1,730,000
August 15, 2002	1,795,000
February 15, 2003	1,860,000
August 15, 2003	1,930,000
February 15, 2004	2,000,000
August 15, 2004	2,075,000
February 15, 2005	2,155,000
August 15, 2005	2,235,000
February 15, 2006	2,315,000
August 15, 2006	2,400,000
February 15, 2007	2,490,000
August 15, 2007	2,585,000
February 15, 2008	2,680,000
August 15, 2008	2,780,000
February 15, 2009	2,880,000
August 15, 2009	2,990,000
February 15, 2010	3,100,000
August 15, 2010	3,215,000

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\* The figures in this column represent dollar equivalents determined as of the respective dates of withdrawal. See General Conditions, Sections 3.04 and 4.03.

Premiums on Prepayment

Pursuant to Section 3.04 (b) of the General Conditions, the premium payable on the principal amount of any maturity of the Loan to be prepaid shall be the percentage specified for the applicable time of prepayment below:

Time of Prepayment	Premium
	The interest rate (expressed as a percentage per annum) applicable to the Loan on the day of prepayment multiplied by:
Not more than three years before maturity	0.18
More than three years but not more than six years before maturity	0.35
More than six years but	0.65

not more than 11 years before maturity	
More than 11 years but not more than 15 years before maturity	0.88
More than 15 years before maturity	1.00

#### SCHEDULE 4

##### Procurement and Consultants' Services

##### Section I. Procurement of Goods and Works

##### Part A: International Competitive Bidding

1. Except as provided in Part C hereof, goods and works 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 1992 (the Guidelines). For fixed price contracts, the invitation to bid referred to in paragraph 2.13 of the Guidelines shall provide that, when contract awarded is delayed beyond the original bid validity period, the successful bidder's bid price will be increased for each week of delay by two predisclosed correction factors acceptable to the Bank, one to be applied to all foreign currency components and the other to the local currency component of the bid price. Such an increase shall not be taken into account in the bid evaluation.

2. Bidders for goods and works shall be prequalified as provided in paragraph 2.10 of the Guidelines.

3. To the extent practicable, contracts for goods shall be grouped into bid packages estimated to cost the equivalent of \$1,000,000 or more.

##### Part B: Preference for Domestic Manufacturers

In the procurement of goods in accordance with the procedures described in Part A.1 hereof, goods manufactured in the Slovak Republic 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. Items or groups of items estimated to cost the equivalent of \$300,000 or less per contract, up to an aggregate amount equivalent to \$5,500,000, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of comparison of price quotations obtained from at least three suppliers from at least two different countries eligible under the Guidelines, in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Bank.

2. Contracts for goods which are of a proprietary nature which require standardization with existing equipment or for which early delivery is essential for expedited execution of the Investment Program, up to an aggregate amount equivalent to \$1,000,000, may be awarded after direct negotiations with suppliers, in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Bank.

##### Part D: Review by the Bank of Procurement Decisions

##### 1. Review of prequalification:

With respect to the prequalification of bidders as provided in Part A.2 hereof, the procedures set forth in paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.

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

(a) With respect to each contract for goods estimated to cost the equivalent of \$1,000,000 or more, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 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 required to be furnished to the Bank pursuant to said paragraph 2 (d) shall be furnished to the Bank 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, said 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 Bank pursuant to said paragraph 3 shall be furnished to the Bank as part of the evidence to be furnished pursuant to paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 to this Agreement.

(c) The provisions of the preceding subparagraph (b) shall not apply to contracts on account of which withdrawals are to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure.

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

## Section II. Employment of Consultants

In order to assist the Borrower in carrying out the Project, the Borrower shall employ management, engineering and training consultants whose qualifications, experience and terms and conditions of employment shall be satisfactory to the Bank. Such consultants shall be selected in accordance with principles and procedures satisfactory to the Bank on the basis of the "Guidelines for the Use of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers and by The World Bank as Executing Agency" published by the Bank in August 1981 (the "Consultant Guidelines").

### SCHEDULE 5

#### Implementation Program

1. The Borrower shall maintain a Program Implementation Unit (PIU) to coordinate and supervise the execution of the Project. The responsibilities of the PIU shall include: (a) coordination of the preparation and implementation of the Investment Program and the Project (planning, procurement, installation and acceptance testing, synchronization of different activities, interface with foreign suppliers); (b) coordination of technical assistance and training activities; and (c) preparation and submission of progress and Project completion reports to the Bank.

2. The Borrower shall:

(a) by September 30, 1993, carry out and furnish to the Guarantor and the Bank for review and comments a tariff study for the purpose of determining the adjustments needed to: (i) the level and structure of tariffs to ensure that the financial covenants of the loan set forth in Sections 5.02 and 5.03 of this Agreement shall be met; and (ii) the structure of tariffs to improve the economic efficiency of the Borrower, such study to include, inter alia, recommendations for: (A) a timetable for tariff adjustments to provide at least that the recommended tariff level is achieved by January 1, 1994; (B) adjustments for inflation to such tariffs to ensure the financial viability of the Borrower and the Borrower's ability to carry out the Investment Program; and (C) differential additional charges for direct subscribers to the digital overlay network (DON); and

(b) by January 1, 1994, put into effect the recommendations of such study as shall have been agreed with the Guarantor and the Bank.

3. The Borrower shall, by September 30, 1993, employ consultants to assist the Borrower in formulating a timebound program for creating and developing modern departments of finance and treasury and to develop technical assistance and training programs to strengthen the Borrower in finance and treasury functions.

4. The Borrower shall adopt an action plan, satisfactory to the Bank, which shall provide, inter alia, for:

(a) performance indicators agreed with the Bank for monitoring the execution of the Project, together with targets for such indicators for the Investment Program in each calendar year until completion of the Project;

(b) monitoring by the Borrower of said performance indicators;

(c) reporting by the Borrower to the Bank on a quarterly basis, starting on January 1, 1994, of the Borrower's actual performance measured by the target performance;

(d) exchange of views with the Bank on an annual basis on the Borrower's performance measured by the respective indicators and on the corrective measures to be taken by the Borrower in the following calendar year; and

(e) adjustment of said performance indicators as agreed with the Bank for the following calendar year.

#### SCHEDULE 6

##### Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories (1) and (2) set forth in the table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement;

(b) the term "eligible expenditures" means expenditures in respect of the reasonable cost of goods and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan allocated from time to time to the eligible Categories in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and

(c) the term "Authorized Allocation" means an amount equivalent to \$2,500,000 to be withdrawn from the Loan Account and deposited in the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of this Schedule.

2. Payments out of the Special Account shall be made exclusively for eligible expenditures in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule.

3. After the Bank 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 shall be made as follows:

(a) For withdrawals of the Authorized Allocation, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank a request or requests for a deposit or deposits which do not exceed the aggregate amount of the Authorized Allocation. On the basis of such request or requests, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and deposit in the Special Account such amount or amounts as the Borrower shall have requested.

(b) (i) For replenishment of the Special Account, the

Borrower shall furnish to the Bank requests for deposits into the Special Account at such intervals as the Bank shall specify.

- (ii) Prior to or at the time of each such request, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank the documents and other evidence required pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Schedule for the payment or payments in respect of which replenishment is requested. On the basis of each such request, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and deposit into the Special Account such amount as the Borrower shall have requested and as shall have been shown by said documents and other evidence to have been paid out of the Special Account for eligible expenditures.

All such deposits shall be withdrawn by the Bank from the Loan Account under the respective eligible Categories, and in the respective equivalent amounts, as shall have been justified by said documents and other evidence.

4. For each payment made by the Borrower out of the Special Account, the Borrower shall, at such time as the Bank shall reasonably request, furnish to the Bank such documents and other evidence showing that such payment was made exclusively for eligible expenditures.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Schedule, the Bank shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:

- (a) if, at any time, the Bank shall have determined that all further withdrawals should be made by the Borrower directly from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and paragraph (a) of Section 2.02 of this Agreement; or

- (b) once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories, less the amount of any outstanding special commitment entered into by the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions with respect to the Project, shall equal the equivalent of twice the amount of the Authorized Allocation.

Thereafter, withdrawal from the Loan Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories shall follow such procedures as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower. Such further withdrawals shall be made only after and to the extent that the Bank 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 Bank shall have determined at any time that any payment out of the Special Account: (i) was made for an expenditure or in an amount not eligible pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule; or (ii) was not justified by the evidence furnished to the Bank, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Bank: (A) provide such additional evidence as the Bank may request; or (B) deposit into the Special Account (or, if the Bank shall so request, refund to the Bank) an amount equal to the amount of such payment or the portion thereof not so eligible or justified. Unless the Bank shall otherwise agree, no further deposit by the Bank into the Special Account shall be made until the Borrower has provided such evidence or made such deposit or refund, as the case may be.

- (b) If the Bank 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 Bank, refund to the Bank such outstanding amount.



(c) The Borrower may, upon notice to the Bank, refund to the Bank all or any portion of the funds on deposit in the Special Account.

(d) Refunds to the Bank made pursuant to paragraphs 6 (a), (b) and (c) of this Schedule shall be credited to the Loan Account for subsequent withdrawal or for cancellation in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Agreement, including the General Conditions.

