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**LOAN NUMBER 7069-AL**

# **Loan Agreement**

**(Financial System Infrastructure Modernization Project)**

**between**

**PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA**

**and**

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION  
AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Dated January 4, 2002**

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## **LOAN AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT, dated January 4, 2002, between PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS the Borrower, having satisfied itself as to the feasibility and priority of the

project described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement (the Project), has requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project; 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 for Fixed-Spread Loans” of the Bank dated September 1, 1999 (the General Conditions) constitute an integral part of this 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 additional terms have the following meanings:

(a) “Banque d'Algérie” means the Borrower’s central bank, operating pursuant to the Borrower’s Law No. 90-10, dated April 14, 1990, as the same may be amended from time to time;

(b) “Disbursed Amount” means, in respect of each Interest Period, the aggregate principal amount of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account in said Interest Period;

(c) “Maturity Fixing Date” means, for each Disbursed Amount, the date on which the amortization schedule for said Disbursed Amount is established, such date being the first day of the Interest Period next following the Interest Period in which said Disbursed Amount is withdrawn;

(d) “MPT” means Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of the Borrower or any successor thereto;

(e) “PMU” means the Project Management Unit to be maintained by the Borrower pursuant to the provisions of paragraph A.2 of Schedule 4 to this Agreement;

(f) “Project Implementation Plan” means the plan to be prepared by the Borrower and submitted to the Bank in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.01 (b) of this Agreement, which sets out the principles and procedures governing the implementation of the Project, such plan to, inter alia: (i) set forth the timetable of actions required under the Project; (ii) identify the procedures to be used for monitoring and evaluating progress towards the achievements of the objectives of the Project; and (iii) detail the financial management procedures for the Project including, inter alia, the auditing, accounting and financial reporting arrangements for the Project;

(g) “Project Management Report” means each report prepared in accordance with Section 4.02 of this Agreement;

(h) “Special Account” means the account referred to in Section 2.02 (b) of this Agreement; and

(i) “Steering Committee” means the committee to be maintained by the Borrower pursuant to the provisions of paragraph A.3 of Schedule 4 to 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 this Agreement, an amount equal to sixteen million five hundred thousand Dollars (\$16,500,000), as such amount may be converted from time to time through a Currency Conversion in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.09 of this Agreement.

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 and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan and in respect of the front-end fee referred to in Section 2.04 of this Agreement.

(b) The Borrower may, for the purposes of the Project, open and maintain in Dollars a special deposit account in the Banque d’Algérie on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Bank. Deposits into, and payments out of, the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 5 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be June 30, 2005, or such later date as the Bank shall establish. The Bank shall promptly notify the Borrower of such later date.

Section 2.04. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a front-end fee in an amount equal to one hundred sixty five thousand Dollars (\$165,000). The Borrower agrees that on or promptly after the Effective Date, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and pay to itself the amount of such fee.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a commitment charge on the principal amount of the Loan not withdrawn from time to time, at a rate equal to: (i) eighty five one-hundredths of one percent (0.85%) per annum from the date on which such charge commences to accrue in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the General Conditions, to but not including the fourth anniversary of such date; and (ii) seventy five one-hundredths of one percent (0.75%) per annum thereafter.

Section 2.06. The Borrower shall pay interest on the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, in respect of each Interest Period at the variable rate; provided, that upon a conversion of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, the Borrower shall, during the conversion period, pay interest on such amount in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions.

Section 2.07. Interest and other charges shall be payable semiannually in arrears on April 15 and October 15 in each year.

Section 2.08. (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section, the Borrower shall repay each Disbursed Amount of the Loan in semiannual installments payable on each April 15 and October 15, the first such installment to be payable on the ninth (9th) Interest Payment Date following the Maturity Fixing Date for said Disbursed Amount and the last such installment to be payable on the twenty fifth (25th) Interest Payment Date following the Maturity Fixing Date for said Disbursed Amount. Each installment except for the last one shall be equal to one seventeenth (1/17th) of said Disbursed Amount. The last installment shall be equal to the remaining outstanding amount of said Disbursed Amount.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section, if any one or more installments of principal of any Disbursed Amount would, pursuant to the provisions of such paragraph (a), be payable after October 15, 2017, the Borrower shall also pay on such date the aggregate amount of all such installments.

(c) The Bank shall notify the Borrower of the amortization schedule for each Disbursed Amount promptly after the Maturity Fixing Date for said Disbursed Amount.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Section, in the event of a Currency Conversion of all or any portion of a Disbursed Amount to an Approved Currency, the amount so converted in said Approved Currency that shall be repayable on any Principal Payment Date occurring during the Conversion Period, shall be determined by the Bank by multiplying such amount in its currency of denomination immediately prior to said Conversion by either: (i) the exchange rate that reflects the amounts of principal in said Approved Currency payable by the Bank under the Currency Hedge Transaction relating to said Conversion; or (ii) if the Bank so determines in accordance with the Conversion Guidelines, the exchange rate component of the Screen Rate.

Section 2.09. (a) The Borrower may at any time request any of the following Conversions of the terms of the Loan in order to facilitate prudent debt management:

(i) a change of the Loan Currency of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, withdrawn or unwithdrawn, to an Approved Currency; and

(ii) a change of the interest rate basis applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan from a Variable Rate to a Fixed Rate, or vice versa.

(b) Any conversion requested pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section that is accepted by the Bank shall be considered a "Conversion", as defined in Section 2.01 (7) of the General Conditions, and shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions and of the Conversion Guidelines.

(c) Without limitation upon the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section, the Borrower and the Bank hereby agree that unless otherwise notified by the Borrower in accordance with the provisions of the Conversion Guidelines, the interest rate basis applicable to the aggregate principal amount of the Loan withdrawn during each Interest Period shall be changed from the initial Variable Rate to a Fixed Rate for the full maturity of such amount in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions and of the Conversion Guidelines.

### **ARTICLE III**

## **Execution of the Project**

Section 3.01. (a) The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project, and, to this end, shall carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate financial, technical and administrative 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 Borrower and the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Implementation Program set forth in Schedule 4 to this Agreement and the Project Implementation Plan.

Section 3.02. Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods 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 3 to this Agreement.

Section 3.03. For the purposes of Section 9.07 of the General Conditions and without limitation thereto, the Borrower shall:

(a) prepare, on the basis of guidelines acceptable to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank not later than six (6) months after the Closing Date or such later date as may be agreed for this purpose between the Borrower and the Bank, a plan for the future operation of the Project; and

(b) afford the Bank a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Borrower on said plan.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Financial Covenants**

Section 4.01. (a) The Borrower shall, at all times, maintain a financial management system, including records and accounts, and prepare financial statements in a format acceptable to the Bank, adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Project.

(b) The Borrower shall:

(i) have the records, accounts and financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section and the records and accounts for the Special Account for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with auditing standards acceptable to the Bank, 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 (6) months after the end of each such year, (A) certified copies of the financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for such year as so audited, and (B) an opinion on such statements, records and accounts and report of such audit, by said auditors, of such scope and in such detail as the Bank shall have reasonably requested; and

- (iii) furnish to the Bank such other information concerning such records and accounts, and the audit thereof, and concerning said auditors, as the Bank may 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 or cause to be maintained, in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section, records and separate 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 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 4.02. (a) Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 4.01 of this Agreement, the Borrower shall carry out a time-bound action plan acceptable to the Bank for the strengthening of the financial management system referred to in paragraph (a) of said Section 4.01 in order to enable the Borrower, not later than December 31, 2001, or such later date as the Bank shall agree, to prepare quarterly Project Management Reports, acceptable to the Bank, each of which:

- (i) (A) sets forth actual sources and applications of funds for the Project, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, and projected sources and applications of funds for the Project for the six-month period following the period covered by said report, and (B) shows separately expenditures financed out of the proceeds of the Loan during the period covered by said report and expenditures proposed to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan during the six-month period following the period covered by said report;
- (ii) (A) describes physical progress in Project implementation, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, and (B) explains variances between the actual and previously forecast implementation targets; and
- (iii) sets forth the status of procurement under the Project and expenditures under contracts financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, as at the end of the period covered by said report.

(b) Upon the completion of the action plan referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section, the Borrower shall prepare, in accordance with guidelines acceptable to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank not later than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter a Project Management Report for such period.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Effective Date; Termination**

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

- (a) the Banque d'Algérie and MPT have entered into the protocol referred to under paragraph B.1 of Schedule 4 to this Agreement; and
- (b) the Borrower has submitted to the Bank a Project Implementation Plan, in form and substance satisfactory to the Bank.

Section 5.02. 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 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  
Immeuble Maurétania  
Place de Pérou  
Algiers 16000  
People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

Cable address:	Telex:	Facsimile:
FINPLAN Algiers	67073	(213) 2-736440

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:	Facsimile:
INTBAFRAD Washington, D.C.	248423 (MCI); or 64145 (MCI)	(202) 477-6391

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 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF ALGERIA

By /s/ Idriss El Jazairy  
Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Jean-Louis Sarbib  
Regional Vice President  
Middle East and North Africa

**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:

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Amount of the Loan Allocated (Expressed in Dollars)</u>	<u>% of Expenditures to be Financed</u>
(1) Consultants' services and training	1,800,000	100%
(2) Goods		100% of foreign expenditures; 100% of local expenditures (ex-factory cost)
(a) under Parts A, B, C.1 and D of the Project	8,500,000	



	(b) under Part C.2 of the Project	4,800,000	and 80% of local expenditures for other items procured locally
(3)	Fee	165,000	Amount due under Section 2.04 of this Agreement
(4)	Unallocated	1,235,000	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>16,500,000</u></b>	

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 Borrower for services supplied from the territory of any country other than that of the Borrower; and

(b) the term “local expenditures” means expenditures in the currency of the Borrower or for services supplied from the territory of the Borrower.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawals shall be made in respect of: (a) payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals, in an aggregate amount not exceeding one million six hundred fifty thousand Dollars (\$1,650,000) may be made in respect of Categories (1) and (2) (a) on account of payments made for expenditures before that date but after April 1, 2001; and (b) expenditures under Category 2 (b) unless the Borrower shall have prepared and submitted to the Bank: (i) a study, satisfactory to the Bank, that shall identify the requisite infrastructure for the systems to be developed under Part C.2 of the Project; and (ii) a suitable plan setting forth the modalities for the progressive utilization of the infrastructure referred to under (i) above and for the sharing, among users of said infrastructure, of the operational costs of said infrastructure.

4. The Bank may require withdrawals from the Loan Account to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure for expenditures for: (i) services under contracts costing less than \$100,000 equivalent each for consulting firms; (ii) services under contracts costing less than \$50,000 equivalent each for individual consultants; (iii) goods under contracts costing less than \$250,000 equivalent per contract; and (iv) training, all under such terms and conditions as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower.

## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **Description of the Project**

The objective of the Project is to assist the Borrower in putting in place an efficient infrastructure for basic financial services.

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: Modernization and Development of Payments Systems**

Carrying out a program to modernize and develop inter-bank payments systems at the national level through, inter alia: (i) the development of suitable software applications, including associated support for installation and testing; (ii) the provision of computer hardware and software, including servers and workstations; (iii) the training of the staff of Banque d'Algérie on the new payments systems; and (iv) the preparation of studies to identify the appropriate participant fees for large-value and retail clearing, settlement and payment systems, and to identify appropriate interface specification and processing rules for the electronic clearing and settlement of retail banking payments.

#### Part B: Development of the Information Systems

Carrying out a program to develop new information systems for Banque d'Algérie through: (i) the provision of technical support, including computer and other equipment, to put in place the requisite infrastructure for a suitable inter-bank transaction and payment system; (ii) the provision of computer hardware and software for Banque d'Algérie's internal information systems; and (iii) the training of the staff of Banque d'Algérie on the new information systems.

#### Part C: Telecommunications Infrastructure

1. Carrying out, through the provision of goods and consultants' services, and the preparation of studies, a program to develop a suitable telecommunications network designed to connect the offices of Banque d'Algérie, located within the city of Algiers, with the main offices of commercial banks located within the city of Algiers and with regional offices of Banque d'Algérie countrywide, including the provision of goods and consultants' services therefor and the training of Banque d'Algérie's staff thereon.

2. Carrying out, through the provision of goods and consultants' services, and the preparation of studies, a program to develop a suitable telecommunications network designed to process inter-bank payment transactions and Banque d'Algérie's internal information data and external inter-bank data.

#### Part D: Project Management Support

Support to PMU, through the provision of goods, training and consultants' services, to strengthen its Project implementation capabilities.

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The Project is expected to be completed by December 31, 2004.

### **SCHEDULE 3**

#### **Procurement**

##### Section I. Procurement of Goods

##### Part A: General

Goods shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Section I of the

“Guidelines for Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits”, published by the Bank in January 1995 and revised in January and August 1996, September 1997 and January 1999 (the Guidelines) and the following provisions of Section I of this Schedule.

Part B: International Competitive Bidding

1. Except as otherwise provided in Part C of this Section, goods shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of Section II of the Guidelines and paragraph 5 of Appendix 1 thereto.
2. The following provision shall apply to goods to be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Part B, namely that, to the extent practicable, contracts for goods shall be grouped in bid packages estimated to cost \$250,000 equivalent or more each.

Part C: Other Procurement Procedures

1. National Competitive Bidding

Goods estimated to cost less than \$250,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 equivalent, may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of the Guidelines.

2. International or National Shopping

Goods estimated to cost less than \$25,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000 equivalent, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of international or national shopping procedures in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of the Guidelines.

Part D: Review by the Bank of Procurement Decisions

1. Procurement Planning

Prior to the issuance of any invitations to bid for contracts, the proposed procurement plan for the Project shall be furnished to the Bank for its review and approval, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines. Procurement of all goods shall be undertaken in accordance with such procurement plan as shall have been approved by the Bank, and with the provisions of said paragraph 1.

2. Prior Review

With respect to each contract for goods estimated to cost the equivalent of \$250,000 or more, and the first three contracts for goods procured in accordance with the provisions of Part C.1 of this Section, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.

3. Post Review

With respect to each contract for goods not governed by paragraph 2 of this Part, the

procedures set forth in paragraph 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.

## Section II Employment of Consultants

### Part A: General

Consultants' services shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of the Introduction and Section IV of the "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers", published by the Bank in January 1997 and revised in September 1997 and January 1999 (the Consultant Guidelines) and the following provisions of Section II of this Schedule.

### Part B: Quality- and Cost-based Selection

Except as otherwise provided in Part C of this Section, consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of Section II of the Consultant Guidelines, paragraph 3 of Appendix 1 thereto, Appendix 2 thereto, and the provisions of paragraphs 3.13 through 3.18 thereof applicable to quality- and cost-based selection of consultants.

### Part C: Other Procedures for the Selection of Consultants

#### 1. Selection Based on Consultants' Qualifications

Services estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1 and 3.7 of the Consultant Guidelines.

#### 2. Individual Consultants

Services for tasks that meet the requirements set forth in paragraph 5.1 of the Consultant Guidelines shall be procured under contracts awarded to individual consultants in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 5.1 through 5.3 of the Consultant Guidelines.

### Part D: Review by the Bank of the Selection of Consultants

#### 1. Selection Planning

Prior to the issuance to consultants of any requests for proposals, the proposed plan for the selection of consultants under the Project shall be furnished to the Bank for its review and approval, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 to the Consultant Guidelines. Selection of all consultants' services shall be undertaken in accordance with such selection plan as shall have been approved by the Bank, and with the provisions of said paragraph 1.

#### 2. Prior Review

(a) With respect to each contract for the employment of consulting firms estimated to cost the equivalent of \$100,000 or more, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 1, 2 (other than the third subparagraph of paragraph 2(a)) and 5 of Appendix 1 to the Consultant Guidelines shall

apply.

(b) With respect to each contract for the employment of individual consultants estimated to cost the equivalent of \$50,000 or more, the qualifications, experience, terms of reference and terms of employment of the consultants shall be furnished to the Bank for its prior review and approval. The contract shall be awarded only after the said approval shall have been given.

(c) With respect to each contract for the employment of consulting firms or individual consultants, the terms of reference of the consultants shall be furnished to the Bank for its prior review and approval. The contract shall be awarded only after said approval shall have been given.

### 3. Post Review

With respect to each contract not governed by paragraph 2 of this Part, the procedures set forth in paragraph 4 of Appendix 1 to the Consultant Guidelines shall apply.

## **SCHEDULE 4**

### **Implementation Program**

#### A. Project Implementation and Management

1. The Borrower shall vest Banque d'Algérie with the overall responsibility for the implementation of the Project. Banque d'Algérie shall be assisted in the carrying out of its responsibilities by PMU.

2. The Borrower shall, not later than July 31, 2001, establish, and thereafter maintain, PMU with professional staffing in adequate number, whose experience and terms of reference shall be acceptable to the Bank. PMU shall be managed by a Project director who shall operate under the auspices of the Steering Committee. PMU shall be responsible for, inter alia, the procurement and disbursement processes under the Project, monitoring consultants' performance and coordinating the implementation of Project activities. Key staff of PMU shall include specialists responsible for the procurement, accounting and financial management processes, the operation of the telecommunications networks, the preparation of the legal and regulatory framework governing the payments systems and the security of the payments systems.

3. The Borrower shall maintain the Steering Committee with membership and terms of reference acceptable to the Bank. A Vice Governor of Banque d'Algérie shall chair the Steering Committee whose membership shall include senior officials of Banque d'Algérie, as well as several chairmen of local commercial banks.

4. The Borrower shall maintain a consultative committee, with membership comprising senior managers from Banque d'Algérie and local commercial banks, whose main objective shall be to advise PMU on issues relating to the operation of the payments systems.

#### B. Part C of the Project

1. Unless the Borrower and the Bank otherwise agree, Banque d'Algérie shall carry out

Part C of the Project in accordance, inter alia, with the provisions of a protocol, whose substance shall be satisfactory to the Bank, entered into between MPT and Banque d'Algérie which shall, inter alia, define the responsibilities and obligations of Banque d'Algérie and MPT, respectively, in relation to the carrying out of Part C of the Project, and set out the conditions under which MPT shall operate the telecommunications networks to be established thereunder.

2. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph B.1 above, the Borrower shall exchange views with the Bank with respect to the study referred to under paragraph 3 (b) of Schedule 1 to this Agreement and shall, not later than three calendar months following the date on which the Bank shall have received the said study, carry out the study's recommendations taking into account the Bank's comments thereon.

C. Mid-Term Review

The Borrower shall:

(a) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate on an ongoing basis, in accordance with indicators acceptable to the Bank, the carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof;

(b) prepare, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank, on or about June 30, 2003, a report which shall integrate the results of the monitoring and evaluation activities performed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section, on the progress achieved in the carrying out of the Project during the period preceding the date of said report and setting out the measures recommended to ensure the efficient carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof during the period following such date; and

(c) review with the Bank, by December 31, 2003, or such later date as the Bank shall request, the report referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section, and, thereafter, take all measures required to ensure the efficient completion of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof, based on the conclusions and recommendations of the said report and the Bank's views on the matter.

## **SCHEDULE 5**

### **Special Account**

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories (1), (2) (a) and (2) (b) 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 \$1,500,000 to be withdrawn from the Loan Account and deposited into the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of this Schedule, provided, however, that unless the Bank shall otherwise agree,

the Authorized Allocation shall be limited to an amount equivalent to \$1,000,000 until the aggregate amount of withdrawals from the Loan Account plus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions shall be equal to or exceed the equivalent of \$4,000,000.

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 deposit into the Special Account of an amount or amounts 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 into 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 eligible Categories, and in the 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;

(b) if the Borrower shall have failed to furnish to the Bank, within the period of time specified in Section 4.01 (b)(ii) of this Agreement, any of the audit reports required to be furnished to the Bank pursuant to said Section in respect of the audit of the records and accounts

for the Special Account;

(c) if, at any time, the Bank shall have notified the Borrower of its intention to suspend in whole or in part the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Loan Account pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.02 of the General Conditions; or

(d) once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories, minus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions, 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.

