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Development Credit Agreement

(Emergency Communication Development Project)

between

TRANSITIONAL ISLAMIC STATE OF AFGHANISTAN

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated November 8, 2003

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DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated November 8, 2003, between TRANSITIONAL ISLAMIC STATE OF AFGHANISTAN (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (the Association).

WHEREAS the Borrower, having satisfied itself as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, has requested the Association to assist in the financing of the Project; and

WHEREAS the Association has agreed, on the basis, *inter alia*, of the foregoing, to extend the Credit 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 Development Credit Agreements" of the Association, dated January 1, 1985 (as amended through October 6, 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) "AACA" means the Afghanistan Assistance Coordination Authority, an authority established pursuant to a Decree of the Borrower, dated March 30, 2002, as the same may be amended from time to time;

(b) "Financial Monitoring Report" means each report prepared in accordance with Section 4.02 of this Agreement;

(c) "Fiscal Year" means the Borrower's fiscal year, commencing on March 21 of each calendar year and ending on March 20 of the following calendar year;

(d) "MOC" means the Ministry of Communication of the Borrower and any successor thereto; and

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

ARTICLE II

The Credit

Section 2.01. The Association agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, an amount in various currencies equivalent to fifteen million seven hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 15,700,000).

Section 2.02. (a) The amount of the Credit may be withdrawn from the Credit Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement for expenditures made (or, if the Association shall so agree, to be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 Credit.

(b) The Borrower may, for the purposes of the Project, open and maintain in dollars a special deposit account in its central bank, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association. Deposits into, and payments out of, the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 5 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be September 30, 2007, or such later date as the Association shall establish. The Association shall promptly notify the Borrower of such later date.

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

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

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

or currencies as may from time to time be designated or selected pursuant to the provisions of that Section.

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

Section 2.06. Commitment charges and service charges shall be payable semiannually on June 15 and December 15 in each year.

Section 2.07. (a) Subject to paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) below, the Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Credit in semiannual installments payable on each June 15 and December 15 commencing December 15, 2013 and ending June 15, 2043. Each installment to and including the installment payable on June 15, 2023 shall be one percent (1%) of such principal amount, and each installment thereafter shall be two percent (2%) of such principal amount.

(b) Whenever: (i) the Borrower's per capita gross national product (GNP), as determined by the Association, shall have exceeded for three (3) consecutive years the level established annually by the Association for determining eligibility to access the Association's resources; and (ii) the Bank shall consider the Borrower creditworthy for Bank lending, the Association may, subsequent to the review and approval thereof by the Executive Directors of the Association and after due consideration by them of the development of the Borrower's economy, modify the repayment of installments under paragraph (a) above by:

- (A) requiring the Borrower to repay twice the amount of each such installment not yet due until the principal amount of the Credit shall have been repaid; and
- (B) requiring the Borrower to commence repayment of the principal amount of the Credit as of the first semiannual payment date referred to in paragraph (a) above falling six (6) months or more after the date on which the Association notifies the Borrower that the events set out in this paragraph (b) have occurred, provided, however, that there shall be a grace period of a minimum of five (5) years on such repayment of principal.

(c) If so requested by the Borrower, the Association may revise the modification referred to in paragraph (b) above to include, in lieu of some or all of the increase in the amounts of such installments, the payment of interest at an annual rate agreed with the Association on the principal amount of the Credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, provided that, in the judgment of the Association, such revision shall not change the grant element obtained under the above-mentioned repayment modification.

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

Section 2.08. The currency of the United States of America is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 4.02 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE III

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 through MOC with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate technical, administrative, financial, engineering and telecommunications 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 Association shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Implementation Program set forth in Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

Section 3.02. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods and consultants' services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

Section 3.03. For the purposes of Section 9.06 of the General Conditions and without limitation thereto, the Borrower shall:

(a) prepare, on the basis of guidelines acceptable to the Association, and furnish to the Association 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 Association, a plan for the continued achievement of the objectives of the Project; and

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

ARTICLE IV

Financial Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) The Borrower shall maintain a financial management system, including records and accounts, and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards, acceptable to the Association, adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Project.

- (b) The Borrower shall:
 - (i) commencing with the Fiscal Year in which the Effective Date falls, to and including the Fiscal Year in which the last withdrawal from the Credit Account is made, have financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for each Fiscal Year or other period agreed to by the Association, audited, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Association, by independent auditors acceptable to the Association;
 - (ii) furnish to the Association as soon as available, but in any case not later than six (6) months after the end of each Fiscal Year or such other period agreed to by the Association, (A) certified copies of the financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for such Fiscal Year, or such other period agreed to by the Association, as so audited, and (B) an opinion on such statements, by said auditors, in scope and detail satisfactory to the Association; and
 - (iii) furnish to the Association such other information concerning such records and accounts, and the audit of such financial statements, and concerning said auditors, as the Association may from time to time reasonably request.

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

- retain, until at least one (1) year after the Association has received the audit report for, or covering, the Fiscal Year in which the last withdrawal from the Credit Account was made, all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures;
- (ii) enable the Association's representatives to examine such records; and

(iii) ensure that such statement of expenditures are included in the audit for each Fiscal Year or other period agreed to by the Association referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section.

Section 4.02. (a) Without limitation upon the Borrower's progress reporting obligations set out in paragraph B (ii) of Schedule 4 to this Agreement, the Borrower shall prepare and furnish to the Association a Financial Monitoring Report, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, which:

- (i) sets forth sources and uses of funds for the Project, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, showing separately funds provided under the Credit, and explains variances between the actual and planned uses of such funds;
- (ii) describes physical progress in Project implementation, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, and explains variances between the actual and planned Project implementation; and
- (iii) sets forth the status of procurement under the Project, as at the end of the period covered by said report.

(b) The first Financial Monitoring Report shall be furnished to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the first calendar semester after the Effective Date, and shall cover the period from the incurrence of the first expenditure under the Project through the end of such first calendar semester; thereafter, each Financial Monitoring Report shall be furnished to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after each subsequent calendar semester, and shall cover such calendar semester.

ARTICLE V

Termination

Section 5.01. The date one hundred and twenty (120) 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 Kabul Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan

For the Association:

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

Cable address:	Telex:	Facsimile:
INDEVAS 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 Kabul, Afghanistan, as of the day and year first above written.

TRANSITIONAL ISLAMIC STATE OF AFGHANISTAN

By /s/ Ashraf Ghani Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By /s/ Praful C. Patel

Regional Vice President South Asia Region

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Credit

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

	<u>Category</u>	Amount of the Credit Allocated (Expressed in <u>SDR Equivalent)</u>	% of Expenditures to be Financed
(1)	Goods	10,400,000	100%
(2)	Consultants' services, training and audit costs	3,350,000	100%
(3)	Unallocated	<u>1,950,000</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>15,700,000</u>	

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 goods or 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 goods or services supplied from the territory of the Borrower.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawals shall be made in respect of payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals, in an aggregate amount not exceeding the equivalent of SDR1,000,000 may be made in respect of Categories (1) and (2) on account of payments made for expenditures before that date but after September 1, 2003.

4. The Association may require withdrawals from the Credit Account to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure for expenditures for: (i) goods under contracts not exceeding \$300,000 equivalent each; (ii) consultants' services under contracts not exceeding \$100,000 equivalent for consulting firms; (iii) consultants' services under contracts not exceeding \$50,000 equivalent for individual consultants; (iv) training; and (v) audit costs, all under such terms and conditions as the Association shall specify by notice to the Borrower.

Description of the Project

The objective of the Project is to contribute to the recovery of the Borrower's communication sector by: (i) restoring and expanding a communication network to support the Borrower's government and provincial communications; (ii) strengthening the policy, institutional and regulatory frameworks of MOC; and (iii) improving the delivery of postal services.

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

Part A: Emergency Government Communication

Provision of goods required to integrate the existing network for intergovernment communications, improve and extend the communications coverage to ministries and government buildings in Kabul and provinces, including the provision of training and consultants' services required for the operation and maintenance thereof.

Part B: Strengthening the Policy Function of MOC

1. Provision of consultants' services to MOC to: (i) carry out a program for management and organizational restructuring with a view to emphasizing the role of MOC as a sector policy-making body; (ii) examine options to rationalize MOC's labor force; (iii) develop a suitable universal access strategy; (iv) carry out technical studies covering such areas as convergence, market structure and competition; and (v) develop suitable financial management and management information systems.

2. Provision of hardware, software, computers and office equipment to assist MOC in the establishment of a local area network.

3. Carrying out, through the provision of consultants' services, of a professional development program supported through technical cooperation arrangements with policy agencies in different countries, information sharing and contacts, seminars, training and study tours.

4. Provision of project management services.

5. Provision of technical advisory services and training to strengthen the capacity of MOC to carry out and manage Parts B.1, B.2, B.3 and B.4 of the Project.

Part C: Restructuring of AfghanTel

1. Provision of consultants' services to review the legal framework of the Borrower governing the communications sector and, where appropriate prepare amendments thereto, together with suitable legal instruments required to restructure AfghanTel as an independent corporate entity.

2. Provision of consultants' services to carry out an allocation of AfghanTel's assets and liabilities, develop an inventory of its fixed assets, value said assets, negotiate land and building ownership and use, and determine appropriate levels of debt-to-fund ratio for assets to be transferred to AfghanTel.

3. Provision of consultants' services to carry out a financial audit to identify AfghanTel's opening position and prepare the initial financial statements for the restructured AfghanTel.

4. Provision of consultants' services to examine options to rationalize AfghanTel's labor force, prepare a cost-based tariff study, develop a business plan, performance criteria to be incorporated in AfghanTel's license, and technical advisory services.

Part D: Establishment of Regulatory Unit

1. Provision of consultants' services to MOC to: (i) establish an independent regulatory unit; (ii) establish technical standardization processes and a spectrum management function; (iii) develop and implement tariff and pricing regimes, quality of service standards for all licensed operators and carrier monitoring process and procedures; (iv) develop a pro-competitive model for licensing new operators; and (v) provide other technical advisory services.

2. Provision of goods and consultants' services to establish spectrum monitoring equipment.

3. Carrying out of a professional development program supported through technical cooperation arrangements with regulatory agencies in different countries, information sharing and organization of seminars and study tours, as well as on the job, in-country and external training programs.

4. Provision of office equipment and vehicles, including computer hardware and software to assist in the carrying out of regulatory functions.

5. Provision of consultants' services to develop financial and management information systems.

Part E: Postal Sector Reform

1. Provision of consultants' services to: (a) evaluate options for labor force rationalization, and to develop a business plan for the postal sector; (b) develop and implement a pricing regime and expand postal services; (c) develop a universal service policy, and introduce and manage competition in the postal sector; and (d) render other advisory services, including advice on corporatization.

2. Provision of goods to modernize basic postal equipment.

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The Project is expected to be completed by March 20, 2007.

Procurement

Section I. Procurement of Goods

Part A: General

Goods shall be procured in accordance with: (a) 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 (b) the provisions of the following Parts of this Section I.

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 provisions shall apply to goods to be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Part B.

(a) <u>Grouping of Contracts</u>

To the extent practicable, contracts for goods shall be grouped in bid packages estimated to cost \$200,000 equivalent or more each.

(b) <u>Preference for Domestically Manufactured Goods</u>

The provisions of paragraph 2.54 of the Guidelines and Appendix 2 thereto shall apply to goods manufactured in the territory of the Borrower.

(c) <u>Notification and Advertising</u>

The invitation to pre-qualify or bid for each contract estimated to cost \$500,000 equivalent or more shall be advertised in accordance with the procedures applicable to large contracts under paragraph 2.8 of the Guidelines.

Part C: Other Procurement Procedures

1. <u>International and National Shopping</u>

Goods estimated to cost \$70,000 equivalent or less per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$850,000 equivalent, may be procured under contracts

awarded on the basis of international or national shopping procedures, respectively, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of the Guidelines.

Part D: Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions

1. <u>Procurement Planning</u>

Prior to the issuance of any invitations to bid for contracts, the proposed procurement plan for the Project shall be furnished to the Association 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 Association, and with the provisions of said paragraph 1.

2. <u>Prior Review</u>

(a) With respect to: (i) each contract for goods estimated to cost more than \$300,000 equivalent, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.

(b) For the first three (3) contracts for goods to be awarded under international or national shopping procedures, the following procedures shall apply:

- prior to requesting quotations for goods under international or national shopping procedures, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association, for its review, the draft documents requesting such quotations;
- (ii) prior to the execution of any contract under shopping procedures, the Borrower shall provide to the Association a report on the comparison of price quotations received; and
- (iii) the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 (f), 2 (g) and 3 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.
- 3. <u>Post Review</u>

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 Guidelines shall apply.

Section II. Employment of Consultants

Part A: General

Consultants' services shall be procured in accordance with: (a) the provisions of the Introduction and Section IV of the "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers", published by the Association in January 1997 and revised in September 1997, January 1999 and May 2002 (the Consultant Guidelines); and (b) the provisions of the following Parts of this Section II.

Part B: Quality- and Cost-based Selection

1. 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.

2. The following provisions shall apply to consultants' services to be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph. The short list of consultants for services for the Project, estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent per contract, may comprise entirely national consultants in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.7 of the Consultant Guidelines.

Part C: Other Procedures for the Selection of Consultants

1. <u>Selection Based on Consultants' Qualifications</u>

Training services under Parts A, B.3, B.5 and D.3 of the Project, estimated to cost \$100,000 equivalent or less per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$350,000 equivalent, may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1 and 3.7 of the Consultant Guidelines.

2. <u>Individual Consultants</u>

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 Association of the Selection of Consultants

1. <u>Selection Planning</u>

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 Association 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 Association, and with the provisions of said paragraph 1.

2. <u>Prior Review</u>

(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 2, 3 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 Association for its prior review and approval. The contract shall be awarded only after the said approval shall have been given.

3. <u>Post Review</u>

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.

Implementation Program

A. <u>Overall Project Implementation and Coordination</u>

1. The Borrower shall vest responsibility for the implementation of the Project in MOC. The Borrower shall cause MOC, with AACA's assistance, to: (i) carry out the procurement process under the Project; (ii) prepare reports on the progress achieved in implementing the Project; and (iii) submit said reports to the Association in satisfaction of the Borrower's obligations under paragraphs B (ii) (a) and B (ii) (b) of this Schedule.

B. Progress Reports and Mid-Term Review

The Borrower shall:

- maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate on an ongoing basis, in accordance with indicators acceptable to the Association, the carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof;
- (ii) prepare, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Association, and furnish to the Association: (a) on a quarterly basis, commencing not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the first calendar quarter after the Effective Date, a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof; and (b) on or about April 30, 2005, a report, to constitute the basis upon which the mid-term review shall take place, integrating the results of the monitoring and evaluation activities performed pursuant to paragraph (i) of this Section and consolidating the results of the reports referred to under sub-paragraph (ii) (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
- (iii) review with the Association, by June 30, 2005, or such later date as the Association shall request, the report referred to in subparagraph (ii) (b) of this paragraph, 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 Association's views on the matter.

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 Credit 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 \$2,000,000 to be withdrawn from the Credit Account and deposited into 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 Association has received evidence satisfactory to it that the Special Account has been duly opened, withdrawals of the Authorized Allocation and subsequent withdrawals to replenish the Special Account shall be made as follows:

(a) For withdrawals of the Authorized Allocation, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association 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 Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit 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 Association requests for deposits into the Special Account at such intervals as the Association shall specify.
 - (ii) Prior to or at the time of each such request, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association 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 Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit 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 Association from the Credit 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 Association shall reasonably request, furnish to the Association 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 Association shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:

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

(b) if the Borrower shall have failed to furnish to the Association, 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 Association pursuant to said Section in respect of the audit of the records and accounts for the Special Account;

(c) if, at any time, the Association 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 Credit Account pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.02 of the General Conditions; or

(d) once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Credit allocated to the eligible Categories, minus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Association 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 Credit Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Credit allocated to the eligible Categories shall follow such procedures as the Association shall specify by notice to the Borrower. Such further withdrawals shall be made only after and to the extent that the Association shall have been satisfied that all such amounts remaining on deposit in the Special Account as of the date of such notice will be utilized in making payments for eligible expenditures.

6. (a) If the Association shall have determined at any time that any payment out of the Special Account: (i) was made for 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 Association, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association: (A) provide such additional evidence as the Association may request; or (B) deposit into the Special Account (or, if the Association shall so request, refund to the Association) an amount equal to the amount of such payment or the portion thereof not so eligible or justified. Unless the Association shall otherwise agree, no further deposit by the Association 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 Association shall have determined at any time that any amount outstanding in the Special Account will not be required to cover further payments for eligible expenditures, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association, refund to the Association such outstanding amount.

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

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