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CREDIT NUMBER 2034 WSO

(Telecommunications Project)

between

INDEPENDENT STATE OF WESTERN SAMOA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated August 2, 1989

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DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated August 2, 1989, between INDEPENDENT STATE OF WESTERN SAMOA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (the Association).

WHEREAS (A) 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;

(B) the Borrower intends to obtain from the Asian Development Bank (the ADB) a loan (the ADB Loan) from the ADB's Special Funds resources in various currencies equivalent to seven million four hundred thousand dollars (\$7,400,000) to assist in financing the Project on the terms and conditions to be set forth in an agreement between the Borrower and the ADB (the ADB Loan Agreement);

(C) the Borrower also intends to obtain from the ADB a technical assistance grant (the TA Grant) up to the equivalent of four hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$460,000) to assist in financing the Project on the terms and conditions to be set forth in an agreement between the Borrower and the ADB (the ADB Technical Assistance Agreement);

(D) ADB and the Association intend to enter into an agreement a copy of which agreement will be furnished to the Borrower (the Administration Letter), making arrangements for the ADB to process applications for withdrawal of the proceeds of the financing to be provided severally by the ADB and the Association and regulating certain other matters of common interest in connection with such financing;

(E) the Borrower has obtained from the International Telecommunications Union (the ITU) a grant for the equivalent of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the purposes 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, with the last sentence of Section 3.02 deleted (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) "PTD" means the Posts and Telecommunications Department within the Ministry of Post Office, Telecommunication, Civil Aviation, Airport Authority, Marine, Shipping, Transport and Fire Services of the Borrower, and any successor or successors thereto;

(b) "ITU Grant" means a grant referred to in Recital (E) of this Loan Agreement to be provided by ITU for financing part of the consulting services under the Project;

(c) "Governing Laws" means the Post Office Act of 1972 and such other Act or Acts as enacted or as may be enacted by the Borrower concerning PTD's responsibility, inter alia, for the operation of the System and such other laws or regulations which may govern at any time the operation of the System;

(d) "Implementing Agency" means PTD, which is responsible for the implementation of the Project;

(e) "Project Executing Agency" means the Treasury Department of the Borrower, which is responsible for the carrying out of the Project;

(f) "Project Facilities" means the equipment and materials provided or to be provided under the Project; and

(g) "System" means the assets and facilities presently operated by PTD and includes the Project facilities.

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 the Development Credit Agreement, an amount in various currencies equivalent to three million six hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 3,600,000).

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 described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement 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 account in a 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 4 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be December 31, 1992 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 a 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 cancelled; and (ii) at the rate set as of the June 30 immediately preceding the accrual date or 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 as of the next payment 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 semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 in each year.

Section 2.07. (a) Subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) below, the Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Credit in semi-annual installments payable on each May 1 and November 1 commencing November 1, 1999 and ending May 1, 2029. Each installment to and including the installment payable on May 1, 2009 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 gross national product per capita, as determined by the Association, shall have exceeded \$790 in constant 1985 dollars for five consecutive years, 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 terms of repayment of installments under paragraph (a) above by 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. If so requested by the Borrower, the Association may revise such modification 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.

(c) 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 with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, engineering, environmental, financial 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 6 to the ADB Loan Agreement. References to the ADB in such Schedule shall be read, for the purpose of this Agreement, to be references to the Association.

Section 3.02. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods 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. The Association may, by notice to the Borrower, delegate to the ADB under an administration letter, for the duration of such period as may be set forth in the Administration Letter, any or all of its functions and responsibilities under Articles II, III and IV of this Agreement and the Borrower shall comply with the provisions of the said Articles as if the ADB is substituted for the Association therein. The obligation of the Borrower to comply with said Articles II, III and IV shall continue in force and effect notwithstanding any termination or suspension of such delegated functions and responsibilities to the ADB under the Administration Letter.

ARTICLE IV

Financial Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) The Borrower shall maintain or cause to be maintained records and accounts adequate to reflect in accordance with sound accounting practices the operations, resources and expenditures in respect of the Project of the departments or

agencies of the Borrower responsible for carrying out the Project or any part thereof.

(b) The Borrower shall:

- (i) have the records and accounts referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section including those for the Special Account for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with appropriate auditing principles consistently applied, by independent auditors acceptable to the Association;
- (ii) furnish to the Association, as soon as available, but in any case not later than nine months after the end of each such year, a certified copy of the report of such audit by said auditors, of such scope and in such detail as the Association shall have reasonably requested; and
- (iii) furnish to the Association such other information concerning said records, accounts and the audit thereof as the Association shall from time to time reasonably request, including without limitation on the foregoing its unaudited accounts as soon as available, but not later than three months after the end of each such year.

(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:

- (i) maintain or cause to be maintained, in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section, records and accounts reflecting such expenditures;
- (ii) retain, until at least one year after the Association has received the audit for 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;
- (iii) enable the Association'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.

ARTICLE V

Remedies of the Association

Section 5.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (h) of the General Conditions, the following additional events are specified, namely, that:

(a) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph:

- (A) The right of the Borrower to withdraw the proceeds of the ADB Loan, the TA Grant or the ITU Grant shall have been suspended, cancelled or terminated in whole or in part, pursuant to the terms of the agreement providing therefor, or

(B) the ADB 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 Association 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.

(b) The Governing Laws or any provision thereof shall have been repealed, suspended or amended in any manner which in the reasonable opinion of the Association will or may adversely affect the carrying out of the Project or the operation of the Project facilities.

Section 5.02. Pursuant to Section 7.01 (d) of the General Conditions, the following additional events are specified:

(a) the event specified in paragraph (b) of Section 5.01 of this Agreement shall occur; and (b) any events specified in paragraph (a) (i) (B) of Section 5.01 of this Agreement shall occur, subject to the proviso of paragraph (a) (ii) of that Section.

ARTICLE VI

Effective Date; Termination

Section 6.01. The following event is specified as an additional condition to the effectiveness of the Development Credit Agreement within the meaning of Section 12.01 (b) of the General Conditions, namely, that all the conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the ADB Loan, other than conditions relating to the effectiveness of this Agreement, shall have been fulfilled.

Section 6.02. 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 VII

Representative of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 7.01. 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 7.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Borrower:

Treasury Department
Government of Western Samoa
P.O. Box 3017
Apia, Western Samoa

Cable address:

FINSEC
Apia

Telex:

233 TREASURY SX

Telecopy:

(0685) 21 312

For the Association:

International Development Association

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

Cable address:

INDEVAS
Washington, D.C.

Telex:

440098 (ITT)
248423 (RCA) or
64145 (WUI)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names and delivered at the principal offices of the Bank, as of the day and year first above written.

INDEPENDENT STATE OF WESTERN SAMOA

By /s/ Robin Mauala
Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By /s/ Amnon Golan
Acting Regional Vice President
Asia

SCHEDULE 1

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:

Category	Amount of the Credit Allocated (Expressed in SDR Equivalent)	% of Expenditures to be Financed
(1) Cable, wire and materials associated with the telephones outside plant (including installation)	2,700,000	100% of foreign expenditures
(2) Radio transmission equipment (including installation)	542,000	100% of foreign expenditures
(3) Unallocated	358,000	
TOTAL	<u>3,600,000</u>	

2. For the purposes of this Schedule 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.

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.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the Project

The objective of the Project is to modernize and expand the telecommunications system of the Borrower.

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:

Supplementing the existing Apia telephone exchange with a digital stored program control exchange with an initial capacity of 3,000 subscriber lines (including 100 international lines), expandable up to 10,000 lines.

Part B:

Replacing the manual exchanges at Faleasiu, Salelologa and Asau with small-sized independent digital exchanges, or digital remote switching units, with initial line capacities of 700, 700 and 250 subscriber lines, respectively.

Part C:

Installing at Lufilufi a new small-sized independent digital exchange, or a digital remote switching unit, with an initial capacity of 250 subscriber lines and a final capacity of 400 subscriber lines.

Part D:

Providing digital microwave links between Apia and the other four locations indicated in Parts B and C above.

Part E:

Upgrading and expanding subscriber cable networks, telephone instruments, and public coin-operated telephones in each of the above exchange areas.

Part F:

Constructing and equipping a facility for the training of technical and management staff of PTD.

Part G:

Supplying vehicles, computing equipment, training equipment and mechanical equipment.

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The Project includes consulting services for Project implementation and training programs, for the management and technical staff of PTD.

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The Project is expected to be completed by June 30, 1992.

SCHEDULE 3

Procurement of Goods

Part A: International Competitive Bidding

Goods shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with procedures consistent with those set forth in Sections I and II of the "Guidelines for Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits" published by the Bank in May 1985 (the Guidelines).

Part B: Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions

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

(a) With respect to each contract for goods, 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 Association pursuant to said paragraph 2 (d) shall be furnished to the Association prior to the making of the first payment out of the Special Account in respect of such contract.

(b) With respect to each contract not governed by the preceding paragraph, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply. Where payments for such contract are to be made out of the Special Account, 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 Association pursuant to said paragraph 3 shall be furnished to the Association as part of the evidence to be furnished pursuant to paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

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

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

SCHEDULE 4

Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "eligible Categories" means the Categories 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 SDR 350,000 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 a deposit or deposits 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 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 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 made 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; or

(b) once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Credit allocated to the eligible Categories, less the amount of any outstanding special commitment entered into by the Association 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 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; and (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.

