# **Loan Agreement**

(Health Sector Management Project)

between

FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (the Borrower)

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank)

**Dated July 15, 2004** 

# **LOAN NUMBER 4733 MK**

#### LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated July 15, 2004, between the Borrower and 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 Single Currency Loans" of the Bank, dated May 30, 1995 (as amended through October 6, 1999).

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) "Financial Monitoring Report" or "FMR" means each report prepared in accordance with Section 4.02 of this Agreement;
- (b) "HIF" means the Heath Insurance Fund of the Borrower, or any successor thereto;
- (c) "NBRM" means the National Bank of the Borrower, or any successor thereto; and
- (d) "MOH" means the Ministry of Health of the Borrower, or any successor thereto.

- (e) "PAU" means a policy analysis unit established within the MOH pursuant Section 5.01 of this Agreement;
- (f) "PCU" means a project coordination unit established within the MOH for day-to-day coordination of implementation of Project activities;
- (g) "Project Operational Manual" means the operational manual adopted by the Borrower according to Section 3.05 of this Agreement, as such operational manual may be amended from time to time; and
- (h) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Section 2.02 (b) of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE II

#### The Loan

Section 2.01. The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in the Loan Agreement, an amount equal to ten million Dollars (\$10,000,000).

- 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 (a) The amount of the Loan may be withdrawn from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement for: (i) expenditures made (or, if the Bank shall so agree, to be made)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; (ii) amounts paid (or, if the Bank shall so agree, amounts to be paid) on account of withdrawals made for the purposes of grants under Part C. 2 of the Project in respect of which the withdrawal from the Loan Account is requested; and (iii) in respect of the 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 its National Bank 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, 2009, 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 percent (1%) of the amount of the Loan. 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 at the rate of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum on the principal amount of the Loan not withdrawn from time to time.

Section 2.06. (a) The Borrower shall pay interest on the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, at a rate for each Interest Period equal to LIBOR Base Rate plus LIBOR Total Spread.

- (b) For the purposes of this Section:
  - (i) "Interest Period" means the initial period from and including the date of this Agreement to, but excluding, the first Interest Payment Date occurring thereafter, and after the initial period, each period from and including an Interest Payment Date to, but excluding the next following Interest Payment Date.
  - (ii) "Interest Payment Date" means any date specified in Section 2.07 of this Agreement.
  - (iii) "LIBOR Base Rate" means, for each Interest Period, the London interbank offered rate for six-month deposits in Dollars for value the first day of such Interest Period (or, in the case of the initial Interest Period, for value the Interest Payment Date occurring on or next preceding the first day of such Interest Period), as reasonably determined by the Bank and expressed as a percentage per annum.
  - (iv) "LIBOR Total Spread" means, for each Interest Period: (A) three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%); (B) minus (or plus) the weighted average margin, for such Interest Period, below (or above) the London interbank offered rates, or other reference rates, for six-month deposits, in respect of the Bank's outstanding borrowings or portions thereof allocated by the Bank to fund single currency loans or portions thereof made by it that include the Loan; as reasonably determined by the Bank and expressed as a percentage per annum.
- (c) The Bank shall notify the Borrower of LIBOR Base Rate and LIBOR Total Spread for each Interest Period, promptly upon the determination thereof.

(d) Whenever, in light of changes in market practice affecting the determination of the interest rates referred to in this Section 2.06, the Bank determines that it is in the interest of its borrowers as a whole and of the Bank to apply a basis for determining the interest rates applicable to the Loan other than as provided in said Section, the Bank may modify the basis for determining the interest rates applicable to the Loan upon not less than six (6) months' notice to the Borrower of the new basis. The new basis shall become effective on the expiry of the notice period unless the Borrower notifies the Bank during said period of its objection thereto, in which case said modification shall not apply to the Loan.

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

Section 2.08. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **Execution of the Project**

Section 3.01. The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project, and, to this end, shall carry out the Project through the MOH and HIF with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, financial, environmental, pharmaceutical and health care practices, and shall provide, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for the Project.

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

#### Section 3.03. 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 December 31, 2006, a report integrating 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 March 1, 2007, 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.

Section 3.04. The MOH shall maintain the PCU and PAU until completion of the Project with staff, resources and terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank.

Section 3.05. The Borrower shall adopt and maintain the Project Operational Manual in form and content satisfactory to the Bank, and shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Project Operational Manual without a prior approval from the Bank. The Project Operational Manual shall cover, inter alia, the following matters: (a) eligibility criteria for provision of grants under Part C.2 of the Project; (b) the principles and procedures to be followed for the approval of grants; (c) procurement procedures to be followed for the procurement of goods, works and consultants' services to be financed by the grants under Part C.2 of the Project; (d) Project accounting procedures and internal control; and (e) indicators to be utilized by the PCU in monitoring the progress of the Project.

Section 3.06. The Borrower, through the MOH, shall ensure that an adequate financing has been provided in the Borrower's 2005 fiscal year health budget for the continuous medical education programs developed under the Health Sector Transition Project financed by the International Development Association.

Section 3.07. 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, through the MOH and HIF, shall maintain a financial management system, including records and accounts, and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the Bank, adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Project.

#### (b) The Borrower shall:

- (i) have the financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for each fiscal year (or other period agreed to by the Bank), audited, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Bank, by independent auditors acceptable to the Bank;
- (ii) furnish to the Bank as soon as available, but in any case not later than six months after the end of each such year (or such other period agreed to by the Bank): (A) certified copies of the financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for such year (or other period agreed to by the Bank), as so audited; and (B) an opinion on such statements by said auditors, in scope and detail satisfactory to the Bank; and
- (iii) furnish to the Bank such other information concerning such records and accounts, and the audit of such financial statements, 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) retain, until at least one year after the Bank has received the audit report for, or covering, 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;
  - (ii) enable the Bank's representatives to examine such records; and

(iii) ensure that such statements of expenditure are included in the audit for each fiscal year (or other period agreed to by the Bank), referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section.

Section 4.02. (a) Without limitation upon the Borrower's progress reporting obligations set out in Section 3.03 of this Agreement the Borrower through the MOH shall prepare and furnish to the Bank a financial monitoring report, in form and substance satisfactory to the Bank, 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 Loan, 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 FMR shall be furnished to the Bank not later than 45 days after the end of the first calendar quarter 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 quarter; thereafter, each FMR shall be furnished to the Bank not later than 45 days after each subsequent calendar quarter, and shall cover such calendar quarter.

#### ARTICLE V

# **Effective Date; Termination**

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

- (a) that PAU has been established within the MOH with staff, resources and terms of reference sufficient to begin the Project implementation; and
- (b) that the Project Operational Manual referred to in Section 3.05 of this Agreement has been approved by the Borrower.

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 Dame Gruev 14 1000 Skopje

Telex: Facsimile:

51119 (389-2) 311-7280

#### 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 248423 (MCI) or (202) 477-6391

Washington, D.C. 64145 (MCI)

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 city of Skopje, as of the day and year first above written.

# **BORROWER**

By: /s/ Nikola Popovski

Authorized Representative

**BANK** 

By: /s/ Sandra Bloemenkamp

Authorized Representative

# Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Loan

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

|     | Category  | Amount of the Loan Allocated (Expressed in <u>Dollars</u> ) | % of Expenditures to be financed  |
|-----|---|---|---|
| (1) | Goods   | 3,780,000   | 100% of foreign<br>expenditures,<br>100% of local<br>expenditures<br>(ex-factory cost)<br>and 83% of local<br>expenditures for<br>other items procured<br>locally |
| (2) | Consultants services, including auditing services | 2,650,000   | 100% of expenditures of foreign consultants, 83% of expenditures of local consulting firms, and 85% of expenditures of local individual consultants               |
| (3) | Training  | 1,030,000   | 100%  |
| (4) | Grants under Part C.2 of the Project              | 2,360,000   | 100%  |
| (5) | Incremental operating costs                       | 80,000  | 95% of expenditures incurred through December 31, 2005; 80% of expenditures incurred through December 31, 2006; 65% of expenditures                               |

|     | <u>Category</u> | Amount of the Loan Allocated (Expressed in <u>Dollars</u> ) | % of Expenditures to be financed   |
|-----|-----------------|---|--|
|     |                 |   | incurred through<br>December 31, 2007;<br>and 25% of<br>expenditures<br>thereafter |
| (6) | Front-end fee   | 100,000   | Amount due under<br>Section 2.04 of this<br>Agreement                              |
|     |                 | <del></del>   |  |
|     | TOTAL           | 10,000,000  |  |

# 2. For the purposes of this Schedule:

- (a) the term "foreign expenditures" means expenditures in the currency of any country other than that of the Borrower for goods or services supplied from the territory of any country other than that of the Borrower;
- (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;
- (c) the term "training" means expenditures for Project related study tours, training courses, seminars, workshops and other training activities not included under goods or service providers' contracts, including costs of training materials, space and equipment rental, travel and per diem costs of trainees and trainers; and
- (d) the term "incremental operating costs" means incremental operating costs incurred by the PCU on account of Project implementation, management and monitoring, office and equipment maintenance, materials and supplies, communication, transportation and vehicle maintenance, bank charges and other reasonable costs directly associated with implementation of Project activities, all based on an annual budget acceptable to the Bank.
- 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 \$20,000, may be made in respect of Category (2) set forth in the table in paragraph 1 of this Schedule on account of payments made for expenditures before that date but after May 13, 2004.

4. The Bank may require withdrawals from the Loan Account to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure for expenditures under contracts for: (a) goods costing less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract; (b) services of individual consultants costing less than \$50,000 equivalent per contract except services of individual consultants to be selected on a sole source basis; (c) services of consulting firms under contracts costing less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract; (d) training and incremental operating costs; and (e) for expenditures under grants under Part C.2 of the Project, all under such terms and conditions as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower.

# **Description of the Project**

The objectives of the Project are to assist the Borrower to: (i) upgrade the MOH's and HIF's capacity to formulate and effectively implement health policies, health insurance, financial management and contracting of providers; and (ii) develop and implement an efficient scheme of restructuring of hospital services with emphasis on developing day-care services and shifting to primary care.

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: Policy Formulation and Implementation

- 1. Development of health sector policy and strategy for: (i) overall health policy formulation; (ii) health management information systems development; (iii) quality improvement in health services provision; (iv) primary health care; (v) privatization of health services delivery; and (vi) streamlining of pharmaceuticals registration and generic substitution promotion.
- 2. Strengthening of the MOH's and HIF's capacity to develop and implement public relations and communications activities with regard to health reforms.
- 3. Capacity building in the MOH for budget formulation and monitoring, including providing guidelines to the HIF and other health institutions in budget formulation.

# Part B: HIF Governance and Management Strengthening

- 1. Improvement of revenue collection and of eligibility criteria for health insurance coverage for different categories of beneficiaries, including information technology upgrading.
- 2. Strengthening of the HIF's management capacity, including: (i) improving its Management Board functioning and development of oversight functions; (ii) improving its financial management and administration practices; (iii) management information systems upgrading; and (iv) general management strengthening in the HIF and its regional branches.

3. Strengthening the HIF's purchasing functions in order to reduce costs of goods and services to be purchased, including: (i) design and implementation of new payment models and model contracts; (ii) improvement of drug needs assessment and of drug supply and drug use management; and (iii) improvement of drug procurement processes.

# Part C: Service Delivery Improvement

- 1. Hospitals' and primary health care providers' management strengthening, including: (i) development of new skills and instruments required for the implementation of new HIF contracting schemes; and (ii) development of a basic electronic registry.
- 2. Establishment of a grant facility to provide grants to eligible health service providers to support the implementation of new business plans and other activities designed to improve service quality and efficiency, including infrastructure of health care facilities.

# Part D: Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation

Strengthening of the MOH's and HIF's capacity for Project management, monitoring and evaluation, including audit, procurement and financial management activities, and financing of PCU Operating Costs.

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The Project is expected to be completed by December 31, 2008.

# **Amortization Schedule**

|  | Payment of Principal (Expressed in |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Date Payment Due   | Dollars)*                          |
| On each May 15 and November 15                           |                                    |
| beginning November 15, 2009<br>through November 15, 2020 | 415,000                            |
| On May 15, 2021  | 455,000                            |

<sup>\*</sup> The figures in this column represent the amount in Dollars to be repaid, except as provided in Section 4.04 (d) of the General Conditions.

#### **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. Goods under the Project shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of Section II of the Guidelines and paragraph 5 of Appendix 1 thereto except as otherwise provided in Part C of this Section.
- 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.

# Preference for domestically manufactured goods

The provisions of paragraphs 2.54 and 2.55 of the Guidelines and Appendix 2 thereto shall apply to goods manufactured in the territory of the Borrower.

# Part C: Other Procurement Procedures

# 1. <u>International Shopping</u>

Goods estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of international shopping procedures in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of the Guidelines.

# 2. <u>National Shopping</u>

Goods estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent per contract may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of national shopping procedures in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of the Guidelines.

# 3. <u>Community Participation</u>

Goods, works and services required under Part C. 2 of the Project may be procured in accordance with: (a) the provisions of paragraph 3.15 of the Guidelines; and (b) procedures acceptable to the Bank and set forth in the POM.

# Part D: Review by the Bank 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 Bank for its review and approval, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines. Procurement of all goods and works 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

- (a) With respect to each contract to be procured in accordance with the procedures referred to in Part B above, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.
- (b) With respect to the first three contracts to be procured in accordance with the procedures referred to in paragraph 1 of Part C above and the first three contracts to be procured in accordance with the procedures referred to in paragraph 2 of Part C above, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (i) prior to the selection of any supplier under shopping procedures, the Borrower shall provide to the Bank a report on the comparison and evaluation of quotations received; and
  - (ii) the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 (f), 2 (g) and 3 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.

# 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 Guidelines shall apply.

# Section II. Employment of Consultants

#### Part A: General

Consultants' services shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Sections I and 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, January 1999 and May 2002 (the Consultant Guidelines), paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 thereto, Appendix 2 thereto and the following provisions of Section II of this Schedule.

# 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, and the provisions of paragraphs 3.13 through 3.18 thereof applicable to quality- and cost-based selection of consultants.
- 2. The following provision 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, estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract, may comprise entirely national consultants in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.7 and footnote 8 of the Consultant Guidelines.

# Part C: Other Procedures for the Selection of Consultants

# 1. Selection Under a Fixed Budget

Services for public information campaign under Part A.2 of the Project estimated to cost less than \$250,000 equivalent per contract may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1 and 3.5 of the Consultant Guidelines.

# 2. <u>Least-cost Selection</u>

Auditing services under the Project estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent per contract may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1 and 3.6 of the Consultant Guidelines.

#### 3. 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.

# 4. Individual Consultants

Services of individual consultants for: (a) tasks that meet the requirements set forth in paragraph 5.1 of the Consultant Guidelines shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 5.1 through 5.3 of the Consultant Guidelines; and (b) positions of a Procurement Specialist, a Financial Officer and three Assistant Coordinators under Part D of the Project may be selected on a sole-source basis in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4 of the Consultant Guidelines, subject to prior approval of the Bank, and provided that candidates for these positions have been selected for such positions on a competitive basis in the past.

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

# 1. <u>Selection Planning</u>

A plan for the selection of consultants, which shall include contract cost estimates, contract packaging, and applicable selection criteria and procedures, shall be furnished to the Bank for its review and approval prior to the issuance to consultants of any requests for proposals. Selection of all consultants' services shall be undertaken in accordance with such selection plan as shall have been approved by the Bank.

#### 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 first contract to be procured in accordance with the procedures referred to in paragraph 2 of Part C above, and the first five contracts to be procured in accordance with the procedures referred to in paragraph 3

of Part C above 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 to be selected on a sole source basis, or estimated to cost the equivalent of \$50,000 or more, the report on the comparison of the qualifications and experience of candidates, 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. The provisions of paragraph 3 of Appendix 1 to the Consultant Guidelines shall also apply to such contracts.

# 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.

#### **Special Account**

- 1. For the purposes of this Schedule:
- (a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories (1) through (5) 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 the amount of \$1,000,000 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 the amount of \$500,000 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 \$2,000,000.
- 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 respective eligible Categories, and in the respective equivalent amounts, as shall have been justified by said documents and other evidence.
- 4. For each payment made by the Borrower out of the Special Account, the Borrower shall, at such time as the Bank shall reasonably request, furnish to the Bank such documents and other evidence showing that such payment was made exclusively for eligible expenditures.
- 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Schedule, the Bank shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:
- (a) if, at any time, the Bank shall have determined that all further withdrawals should be made by the Borrower directly from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and paragraph (a) of Section 2.02 of this Agreement;
- (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.