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LOAN NUMBER 4460 HR

Loan Agreement

(Technical Assistance Project for Institutional and Regulatory Reform for Private Sector Development)

between

REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated May 5, 1999

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated May 5, 1999, between REPUBLIC OF CROATIA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

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 Bank to assist in the financing of the Project;

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 December 2, 1997) (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) "APMC" means the Agency for the Protection of Market Competition established pursuant to the Law on Production of Market Competition dated July 14, 1998, as amended on May 21, 1997 and June 30, 1998;

(b) "Beneficiary Agencies" means collectively APMC, CBS, CROSEC, ORESE, SDA, SGA, URA, MOE and BRA (as hereinafter defined);

(c) "BRA" means the Bank Rehabilitation Agency established pursuant to the Law on the State Bank Agency for Savings Deposit Insurance and Bank Rehabilitation, dated June 3, 1994, as amended on June 5, 1998;

(d) "CBS" means the Central Bureau of Statistics established pursuant to the Law on Establishment and Operations of Ministries and State Administrative Organizations, dated October 10, 1994, as amended on October 30, 1996 and December 5, 1997, and pursuant to the Law on State Statistics dated July 7, 1994;

(e) "CROSEC" means the Croatian Securities and Exchange Commission established pursuant to the Law on Sale and Issuance of Securities dated December 27, 1995, as amended on October 28, 1998;

(f) "Eligible Categories" means Categories (1), (2) and (3) set forth in the table in Part A.1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement;

(g) "Eligible Expenditures" means the expenditures for goods and services referred to in Section 2.02 (a) of this Agreement;

(h) "MOE" means the Borrower's Ministry of Economy;

(i) "ORESE" means the Office for Restructuring and Economics of State-Owned Enterprises established pursuant to the Act on Office for Restructuring and Economics of State-Owned Enterprises dated April 10, 1993, or any legal successor or successors thereto;

(j) "PIU" means the Project Implementation Unit within the Ministry of Finance;

(k) "Project Management Report" means each report prepared in accordance with Section 4.02 of this Agreement;

(l) "SDA" means the Securities Depository Agency established pursuant to the Law on Sale and Issuance of Securities dated December 27, 1995, as amended on October 28, 1998;

(m) "SGA" means State Geodetic Administration established pursuant to the Law on Establishment and Operations of Ministries and State Administrative Organizations dated October 10, 1994, as amended on October 30, 1996 and December 5, 1997;

(n) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Part B of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and

(o) "URA" means Utilities Regulatory Agency to be established for the purposes of regulating infrastructure services in industries such as telecommunications, gas and electrical power.

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 seven million three hundred thousand Dollars (\$7,300,000).

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

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be June 30, 2003 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 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 said 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 said 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 said Loan.

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

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

Execution of the Project

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV

Financial Covenants

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

(b) The Borrower shall:

(i) have the records, accounts and financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section and the records and accounts for the Special Accounts for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with auditing standards acceptable to the Bank, consistently applied, by independent auditors acceptable to the Bank;

(ii) furnish to the Bank as soon as available, but in any case not later than six (6) months after the end of each such year, (A) certified copies of the financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for such year as so audited, and (B) an opinion on such statements, records and accounts and report of such audit, by said auditors, of such scope and in such detail as the Bank shall have reasonably requested; and

(iii) furnish to the Bank such other information concerning such records and accounts, and the audit thereof, and concerning said auditors, as the Bank may from time to time reasonably request.

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

(i) maintain or cause to be maintained, in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section, records and separate accounts reflecting such expenditures;

(ii) retain, until at least one year after the Bank has received the audit report for the fiscal year in which the last withdrawal from the Loan Account was made, all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures;

(iii) enable the Bank's representatives to examine such records; and

(iv) ensure that such records and accounts are included in the annual audit referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section and that the report of such audit contains a separate opinion by said auditors as to whether the statements of expenditure submitted during such fiscal year, together with the procedures and internal controls involved in their preparation, can be relied upon to support the related withdrawals.

Section 4.02. (a) Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 4.01 of this Agreement, the Borrower shall carry out a time-bound action plan acceptable to the Bank for the strengthening of the financial management system referred to in paragraph (a) of said Section 4.01 in order to enable the Borrower, not later than May 15, 2001, or such later date as the Bank shall agree, to prepare quarterly Project Management Reports, acceptable to the Bank, each of which:

(i) (A) sets forth actual sources and applications of funds for the Project, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, and projected sources and applications of funds for the Project for the six-month period following the period covered by said report, and (B) shows separately expenditures financed out of the proceeds of the Loan during the period covered by said report and expenditures proposed to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan during the six-month period following the period covered by said report;

(ii) (A) describes physical progress in Project implementation, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, and (B) explains variances between the actual and previously forecast implementation targets; and

(iii) sets forth the status of procurement under the Project and expenditures under contracts financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, as at the end of the period covered by said report.

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

ARTICLE V

Effective Date; Termination

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

(a) The PIU has been fully staffed with personnel whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference are acceptable to the Bank; and

(b) The Borrower has furnished to the Bank an evidence regarding satisfactory implementation of an action plan for the establishment of a financial management system for the purposes of the Project, acceptable to the Bank.

Section 5.02. The date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 12.04 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE VI

Representative of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 6.01. The Minister of Finance of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 6.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Borrower:

Ministry of Finance
Katanđićeva 5
10000 Zagreb
Croatia

Telex:

862-21215
862-28133

For the Bank:

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

Cable address:

INTBAFRAD
Washington, D.C.

Telex:

248423 (MCI) or
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 District of Columbia, United States of America, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

By /s/ Miomir u ul

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Arntraud Hartmann

Acting Regional Vice President
Europe and Central Asia

SCHEDULE 1

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Loan

A. General

1. The table below sets forth the Categories of items to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, the allocation of the amounts of the Loan to each

Category and the percentage of expenditures for items so to be financed in each Category:

Category	Amount of the Loan Allocated (Expressed in Dollar Equivalent)	% of Expenditures to be Financed
(1) Goods of	450,000	100% of foreign expenditures, 100% local expenditures (ex-factory cost), and 85% of local expenditures for other items procured locally
(2) Consultants' services, including auditing	5,430,000	100%
(3) Training and study tours	550,000	100%
(4) Fee Section	73,000	Amount due under 2.04 of this
Agreement (5) Unallocated	797,000	
TOTAL	7,300,000 =====	

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; and

(c) the term "training" means expenditures incurred on the account of the Project and includes trainees' fees, transportation costs, per diem allowances and translation.

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 \$730,000, may be made in respect of Categories (1) and (2) set forth in the table in Part A.1 of this Schedule on account of payments made for expenditures before that date but after February 11, 1999.

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

B. Special Account

1. The Borrower shall open and maintain in Dollars a separate special deposit account, in a commercial bank, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Bank, including appropriate protection against set-off, seizure and attachment.

2. After the Bank has received evidence satisfactory to it that a Special Account has been opened, withdrawals from the Loan Account of amounts to be deposited into the said Special Account shall be made as follows:

(a) until the Bank shall have received (i) the first Project Management Report referred to in Section 4.02(b) of this Agreement, and (ii) a request from the Borrower for withdrawal on the basis of Project Management Reports, withdrawals shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Annex A to this Schedule 1; and

(b) upon receipt by the Bank of a Project Management Report pursuant to Section 4.02(b) of this Agreement, accompanied by a request from the Borrower for withdrawal on the basis of Project Management Reports, all further withdrawals shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Annex B to this Schedule 1.

3. Payments out of the Special Account shall be made exclusively for Eligible Expenditures. 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.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part B.2 of this Schedule, the Bank shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:

(a) if the Bank determines at any time that any Project Management Report does not adequately provide the information required pursuant to Section 4.02 of this Agreement;

(b) if the Bank determines at any time that all further withdrawals should be made by the Borrower directly from the Loan Account; or

(c) 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 (A) the records and accounts for the Special Account, or (B) the records and accounts reflecting expenditures with respect to which withdrawals were made on the basis of Project Management Reports.

5. The Bank shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account in accordance with the provisions of Part B.2 of this Schedule 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 Section 6.02 of the General Conditions. Upon such notification, the Bank shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether further deposits into the Special Account may be made and what procedures should be followed for making such deposits, and shall notify the Borrower of its determination.

6. (a) If the Bank determines at any time that any payment out of the Special Account was made for an expenditure which is not an Eligible Expenditure, or was not justified by the evidence furnished to the Bank, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Bank, provide such additional evidence as the Bank may request, or 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. 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 determines at any time that any amount outstanding in the Special Account will not be required to cover payments for Eligible Expenditures during the six-month period following such determination, 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 sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this paragraph 6 shall be credited to the Loan Account for subsequent withdrawal or

for cancellation in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Agreement.

Annex A to SCHEDULE 1

Operation of Special Account When Withdrawals Are Not Made
On the Basis of Project Management Reports

1. For the purposes of this Annex, the term "Authorized Allocation" means an amount equivalent to \$1,000,000 to be withdrawn from the Loan Account and deposited into the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Annex; provided, however, that unless the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Authorized Allocation shall be limited to an amount equivalent to \$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 equal or exceed the equivalent of \$2,000,000.

2. Withdrawals of the Special Account's Authorized Allocation and subsequent withdrawals to replenish the Special Account shall be made as follows:

(a) For withdrawals of the Special Account's 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 in the aggregate do not exceed the Authorized Allocation. 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.

(b) For replenishment of the Special Account, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank requests for deposit into the Special Account at such intervals as the Bank shall specify. 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 Part B.3 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement 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. Each such deposit into the Special Account shall be withdrawn by the Bank from the Loan Account under one or more of the Special Account's Eligible Categories.

3. The Bank shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account, once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Loan 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 Special Account's Authorized Allocation. Thereafter, withdrawal from the Loan Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Loan 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.

Annex B to SCHEDULE 1

Operation of Special Account When Withdrawals Are Made
On the Basis of Project Management Reports

1. Except as the Bank may otherwise specify by notice to the Borrower, all withdrawals from the Loan Account shall be deposited by the Bank into the Special Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement. Each such deposit into the Special Account shall be withdrawn by the Bank from the Loan Account under one or more of the Special Account's Eligible Categories.

2. Each application for withdrawal from the Loan Account for deposit into the Special Account shall be supported by a Project Management Report.

3. Upon receipt of each application for withdrawal of an amount of the Loan, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and deposit into the Special Account an amount equal to the lesser of: (a) the amount so requested;

and (b) the amount which the Bank has determined, based on the Project Management Report accompanying said application, is required to be deposited in order to finance Eligible Expenditures during the six-month period following the date of such report; provided, however, that the amount so deposited, when added to the amount indicated by said Project Management Report to be remaining in the Special Account, shall not exceed the equivalent of \$1,500,000.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the Project

The objective of the Project is to support development of enabling business environment for private sector growth.

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: Regulatory and Institutional Framework for Public Utilities

1. Provision of advisory services and goods to ORESE and URA to develop detailed regulations, design organizational structure for URA and build its regulatory capacity, including development and implementation of a staff recruitment and training program.
2. Provision of advisory services and goods to MOE for developing a comprehensive legislation for the energy sector and carrying out tariffs and distribution market studies for the gas sub-sector.

Part B: Strengthening of the APMC

1. Provision of advisory services to APMC to develop an enabling legislation for the 1995 Competition Law.
2. Provision of advisory services and training to support: (a) preparation of a development plan for the APMC, including design of recruitment and training programs; and (b) the design and implementation of a public relations campaign to encourage business compliance with the 1995 Competition Law.

Part C: Strengthening of the CROSEC and SDA

Provision of advisory services and training to CROSEC and SDA to support their institutional development.

Part D: Support for Registry Reform

Provision of advisory services to support the Borrower's program of harmonization of the cadastre with the European coding system.

Part E: Strengthening of the CBS

1. Provision of advisory services and training to CBS to develop an institutional development plan for CBS and develop a training program for managers and statisticians.
2. Provision of advisory services to prepare the new system of national accounts and price statistics.

Part F: Assistance to the BRA

Provision of advisory services and institutional support to the BRA.

Part G: Support to the PIU

Provision of advisory services to assist the PIU in the establishment of a financial management system, Project management and accounting and auditing of Project accounts.

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The Project is expected to be completed by December 31, 2002.

SCHEDULE 3

Amortization Schedule

Date Payment Due	Payment of Principal (Expressed in Dollars)*
On each April 15 and October 15	
beginning October 15, 2004 through April 15, 2014	365,000

* 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.

SCHEDULE 4

Procurement

Section I. Procurement of Goods

Part A: General

Goods shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Section I of the "Guidelines for Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits" published by the Bank in January 1995 and revised in January and August 1996, September 1997 and January 1999 (the Guidelines) and the following provisions of Section I of this Schedule.

Part B: International Competitive Bidding

1. Except as otherwise provided in Part C of this Section, goods shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of Section II of the Guidelines and paragraph 5 of Appendix 1 thereto.

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

(a) 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. International Shopping

Goods estimated to cost less than \$300,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$400,000 equivalent, 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. National Shopping

Goods estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$100,000 equivalent, 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.

Part D: Review by the Bank of Procurement Decisions

1. Procurement Planning

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

2. Prior Review

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

(b) With respect to the first contracts for goods to be awarded under the provisions of Part C.1 and Part C.2 of this Section, the following procedures shall apply:

(i) prior to the selection of a supplier under shopping procedures, the Borrower shall provide to the Bank a report on the comparison and evaluation of quotations received;

(ii) prior to the execution of any contract procured under shopping procedures, the Borrower shall provide to the Bank a copy of the specifications and the draft contract; and

(iii) 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 the Introduction and Section IV of the "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers" published by the Bank in January 1997 and revised in September 1997 and January 1999 (the Consultant Guidelines) and the following provisions of Section II of this Schedule.

Part B: Quality- and Cost-based Selection

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 under Part G of the Project, estimated to cost less than \$200,000 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. Least-cost Selection

Services for carrying out an audit of the Project accounts under Part G of the Project 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 3.6 of the Consultant Guidelines.

2. Individual Consultants

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

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

1. Selection Planning

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

2. Prior Review

(a) With respect to each contract for the employment of consulting firms estimated to cost the equivalent of \$200,000 or more, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 1, 2 (other than the third subparagraph of paragraph 2(a)) and 5 of Appendix 1 to the Consultant Guidelines shall apply.

(b) With respect to each contract for the employment of consulting firms, estimated to cost more than the equivalent of \$100,000, but less than the equivalent of \$200,000, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 1,2 (other than the second subparagraph of paragraph 2(a)) and 5 of Appendix 1 to the Consultant Guidelines shall apply.

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

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.

Implementation Program

1. During the execution of the Project, the Borrower shall:

(a) ensure that the Borrower's Ministry of Finance shall have overall responsibility for monitoring of the Project implementation and shall coordinate the activities of the Beneficiary Agencies;

(b) maintain the PIU within the Ministry of Finance with staff and other resources and terms of references satisfactory to the Bank and which shall be responsible for Project management and implementation, including: (i) coordination of the activities of the Beneficiary Agencies; (ii) preparation of bidding and contract documents and the undertaking of procurement procedures under the Project; (iii) maintenance of the Project records including the Special Account, and arranging for the audit thereof; and (iv) preparation and furnishing to the Bank of quarterly reports on the status of the Project implementation; and

(c) cause the Beneficiary Agencies to carry out the following Parts of the Project: (i) ORESE and URA - Part A.1; (ii) MOE - Part A.2; (iii) APMC - Part B; (iv) CROSEC and SDA - Part C; (v) SGA - Part D; (vi) CBS - Part E of the Project; and (vii) BRA - Part F of the Project.

2. 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 July 31, 2001, 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 October 31, 2001, 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.

