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Development Credit Agreement

(Public Financial Management Technical Assistance Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF GHANA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated January 29, 1997

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DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated January 29, 1997, between REPUBLIC OF GHANA (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 Association has received a letter of policy (the Policy Letter), dated September 13, 1996, from the Borrower describing a program of actions, objectives and policies designed to strengthen the performance of the Borrower's financial management systems (the Program) and declaring the Borrower's commitment to the execution of the Program;

(C) the Borrower intends to obtain from the European Union and the Overseas Development Administration of the United Kingdom (ODA) grants in an aggregate amount equivalent to approximately six million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$6,700,000) to assist in financing specific activities included in the Program on the terms and conditions set forth in the respective grant agreements (the Financing Agreements) to be entered into between the Borrower and the European Union and ODA, respectively; 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 modifications thereto set forth below (the General Conditions), constitute an integral part of this Agreement:

(a) The last sentence of Section 3.02 is deleted.

(b) The second sentence of Section 5.01 is modified to read:

"Except as the Association and the Borrower shall otherwise agree, no withdrawals shall be made: (a) on account of expenditures in the territories of any country which is not a member of the Bank or for goods produced in, or services supplied from, such territories; or (b) for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of the Association, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations."

(c) Section 6.03 is modified to read:

"Section 6.03. Cancellation by the Association. If: (a) the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Credit Account shall have been suspended with respect to any amount of the Credit for a continuous period of thirty days, or (b) at any time, the Association determines, after consultation with the Borrower, that an amount of the Association will not be required to finance the Project's cost to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit, or (c) at any time the Association determines, with respect to any contract to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit, that corrupt or fraudulent practices were engaged in by representatives of the Borrower or of a beneficiary of the Credit during the procurement or the execution of such contract, without the Borrower having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Association to remedy the situation, and establishes the amount of expenditures in respect of such contract which would otherwise have been eligible for financing out of the proceeds of the Credit, or (d) at any time, the Association determines that the procurement of any contract to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit is inconsistent with the procedures set forth or referred to in the Development Credit Agreement and establishes the amount of expenditures in respect of such contract which would otherwise have been eligible for financing out of the proceeds of the Credit, or (e) after the Closing Date, an amount of the Credit shall remain unwithdrawn from the Credit Account, the Association may, by notice to the Borrower, terminate the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals with respect to such amount. Upon the giving of such notice, such amount of the Credit shall be canceled."

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) "Project Implementation Plan" means the plan referred to in Section 6.01 (a) of this Agreement containing, inter alia, work programs, training programs, monitoring and performance indicators and procedures to be used for the purposes of implementation of the Project, as the same may be amended from time to time, in consultation with, and with the approval of, the Association, and such term includes any schedules to the Implementation Plan;

(b) "Project Preparation Advance" means the project preparation advance granted by the Association to the Borrower pursuant to an exchange of letters dated April 25, 1996 and May 29, 1996 between the Borrower and the Association;

(c) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Section 2.02 (b) of this Agreement; and

(d) "Steering Committee" means the interministerial committee established by the Borrower in June 1995 with the responsibility of monitoring Project implementation.

ARTICLE II

The Credit

Section 2.01. The Association agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, an amount in various currencies equivalent to fourteen million four hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 14,400,000).

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 deposit account in a commercial bank acceptable to the Association on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association, including appropriate protection against set-off, seizure or attachment. Deposits into, and payments out of, the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 5 to this Agreement.

(c) Promptly after the Effective Date, the Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit Account and pay to itself the amount required to repay the principal amount of the Project Preparation Advance withdrawn and outstanding as of such date and to pay all unpaid charges thereon. The unwithdrawn balance of the authorized amount of the Project Preparation Advance shall thereupon be canceled.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be December 31, 2001 or such later date as the Association shall establish. The Association shall promptly notify the Borrower of such later date.

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

(b) The commitment charge shall accrue: (i) from the date sixty days after the date of this Agreement (the accrual date) to the respective dates on which amounts shall be withdrawn by the Borrower from the Credit Account or canceled; and (ii) at the rate set as of the June 30 immediately preceding the accrual date 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 from 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 per cent (3/4 of 1%) per annum on the principal amount of the Credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time.

Section 2.06. Commitment charges and service charges shall be payable semiannually on May 1 and November 1 in each year.

Section 2.07. (a) Subject to paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) below, the Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Credit in semi-annual installments payable on each May 1 and November 1, commencing May 1, 2007 and ending November 1, 2036. Each installment to and including the installment payable on November 1, 2016 shall be one percent (1%) of such principal amount, and each installment thereafter shall be two percent (2%) of such principal amount.

(b) Whenever: (i) the Borrower's per capita gross national product (GNP), as determined by the Association, shall have exceeded for three consecutive years the level established annually by the Association for determining eligibility to access the Association's resources; and (ii) the Bank shall consider the Borrower creditworthy for Bank lending, the Association may, subsequent to the review and approval thereof by the Executive Directors of the Association and after due consideration by them of the development of the Borrower's economy, modify the repayment of installments under paragraph (a) above by: (A) requiring the Borrower to repay twice the amount of each such installment not yet due until the principal amount of the Credit shall have been repaid; and (B) requiring the Borrower to commence repayment of the principal amount of the Credit as of the first semiannual payment date referred to in paragraph (a) above falling six months or more after the date on which the Association notifies the Borrower that the events set out in this paragraph (b) have occurred, provided, however, that there shall be a grace period of a minimum of five years on such repayment of principal.

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

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

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

ARTICLE III

Execution of the Project

Section 3.01. (a) The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project as set forth in Schedule 2 to this Agreement and, to this end, shall carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, management 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 Association shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Implementation Program set forth in Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV

Financial Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) The Borrower shall maintain 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 six 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.

(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 report for the fiscal year in which the last withdrawal from the Credit Account or payment out of the Special 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:

- (a) A situation shall have arisen which shall make it improbable that the Program or a significant part thereof will be carried out.
- (b) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the right of the Borrower to withdraw the proceeds of any grant made to the Borrower for the financing of the Program shall have been suspended, canceled or terminated in whole or in part, pursuant to the terms of the agreement providing therefor.
- (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 Program are available to the Borrower from other sources on terms and conditions consistent with the obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

Effective Date; Termination

Section 6.01. The following events are specified as additional conditions to the effectiveness of the Development Credit Agreement within the meaning of Section 12.01 (b) of the General Conditions:

- (a) the Borrower has prepared and furnished to the Association the Project Implementation Plan, in form and substance acceptable to the Association; and
- (b) the Borrower has appointed auditors for the Project acceptable to the Association.

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

Representatives 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:

Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
P.O. Box M40
Accra, Ghana

Cable address:

ECONOMICON

Telex:

2205 MIFAEPGH

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:

248423 (RCA)
82987 (FTCC)
64145 (WUI) or
197688 (TRT)

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 GHANA

By /s/ Nana Effah-Apenteng

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By /s/ Jean-Louis Sarbib

Regional Vice President
Africa

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) Civil works	850,000	100% of foreign expenditures and 90% of local expenditures
(2) Goods	7,350,000	100% of foreign expenditures, 100% of local expenditures (ex-factory cost) and 90% of local expenditures for other items procured locally
(3) Consultants' services	2,800,000	100%

and studies

(4) Training	1,500,000	100%
(5) Refunding of Project Preparation Advance	550,000	Amounts due pursuant to Section 2.02 (a) of this Agreement
(6) Unallocated	1,350,000	
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TOTAL	14,400,000	=====

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; and

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

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawals shall be made in respect of payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement.

4. The Association may require withdrawals from the Credit Account to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure for expenditures for: (a) goods and works under contracts not exceeding \$100,000 equivalent, (b) services under contracts with consulting firms not exceeding \$100,000, (c) services with individual consultants under contracts not exceeding \$50,000, and (d) operating costs; all under such terms and conditions as the Association shall specify by notice to the Borrower.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the Project

The objective of the Project is to assist the Borrower to enhance the efficiency, accountability and transparency of its financial management function.

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 an objective:

Part A: Budget Preparation System

1. Development of a medium-term expenditure framework for the Borrower as part of its budgetary process.

2. Carrying out improvements in the preparation of the annual budget through: (a) preparation of a model budget circular, (b) development of computer software for budget preparation, (c) installation of the budget software in all ministries, departments and agencies, (d) implementation of an electronic transmission system for transmitting proposals for the budget from the Ministries, departments and agencies to the Ministry of Finance, and (e) preparation of a program for the consolidation and preparation of budget drafts.

Part B: Budget Implementation System

1. Carrying out improvements in the implementation of the budget through: (a) designing and implementing a budget classification system consistent with the Chart of Accounts, (b) developing a computer software for budget implementation, (c) designing and implementing systems, processes and procedures for expenditure controls, and

(d) implementing a computerized system for budget implementation.

2. Carrying out a review of the legal framework for implementing the reforms under the Project as well as to facilitate fiscal decentralization.

Part C: Accounting System

Implementation of a modern accounting system to classify, record and analyze governmental financial transactions, including the design and implementation of a uniform Chart of Accounts.

Part D: Cash Management System

Carrying out improvements in the cash management system with a view to minimizing the borrowing requirements of the Borrower.

Part E: Aid and Debt Management System

Strengthening the capabilities of the Borrower in the management of aid and debt through, inter alia, the integration of the aid and debt management system.

Part F: Revenue Management System

Carrying out improvements in the Borrower's tax administration system with a view to improving revenue forecasting, collection and reporting through: (a) redesign of the structure of tax administration, (b) development and introduction of a unique and common tax payer identification number, (c) development and implementation of a modified indirect tax regime, (d) review of the current system for customs data management and implementation of a revised data management system, and (e) strengthening of the internal audit units of revenue collection agencies.

Part G: Audit System

1. Improvement of national audit standards, including specifications for audit reports.
2. Implementation of procedures and processes for effective internal audits in all ministries and departments.

Part H: Procurement Management System

Carrying out a review of existing public procurement regulations and practices with a view to developing a national procurement code, and establishing mechanisms for monitoring compliance.

Part I: Training and Office Improvements

1. Training of staff of the various ministries, departments and agencies in budget preparation, budget implementation, accounting, cash management, aid and debt management, revenue management, audit and procurement systems.
2. Acquisition of equipment required for the implementation of the Project by the ministries, departments and agencies.
3. Renovation of offices for installation of computers.

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The Project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2001.

SCHEDULE 3

Procurement and Consultants' Services

Section I. Procurement of Goods and Works

Part A: General

Goods and works 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 (the Guidelines) and the following provisions of this Section, as applicable.

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) Grouping of contracts

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

(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. National Competitive Bidding

(a) Goods estimated to cost less than \$200,000 equivalent per contract, and up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$500,000 equivalent, may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of the Guidelines.

(b) Works may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of the Guidelines.

2. National Shopping

Small items of goods, equipment and materials estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$400,000 equivalent, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of 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 prequalify for bidding or to bid for contracts, the proposed procurement plan for the Project shall be furnished to the Association for its review and approval, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines. Procurement of all goods and works shall be undertaken in accordance with such procurement plan as shall have been approved by the Association and with the provisions of said paragraph 1.

2. Prior Review

With respect to each contract for goods and works estimated to cost the equivalent of \$100,000 or more, and the first contract under national competitive bidding procedures, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.

3. Post Review

With respect to each contract 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

1. Consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of the "Guidelines for the Use of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers and by the World Bank as Executing Agency" published by the Bank in August 1981 (the Consultant Guidelines). For complex, time-based assignments, such contracts shall be based on the standard form of contract for consultants' services issued by the Bank, with such modifications thereto as shall have been agreed by the Association. Where no relevant standard contract documents have been issued by the Bank, other standard forms acceptable to the Association shall be used.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Section, the provisions of the Consultant Guidelines requiring prior Association review or approval of budgets, shortlists, selection procedures, letters of invitation, proposals, evaluation reports and contracts shall not apply to: (a) contracts for the employment of consulting firms estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent each; or (b) contracts for the employment of individual consultants estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent each. However, said exceptions to prior Association review shall not apply to: (a) the terms of reference for such contracts; (b) single-source selection of consulting firms; (c) assignments of a critical nature, as reasonably determined by the Association; (d) amendments to contracts for the employment of consulting firms raising the contract value to \$100,000 equivalent or above; or (e) amendments to contracts for the employment of individual consultants raising the contract value to \$50,000 equivalent or above.

SCHEDULE 4

Implementation Program

1. Project Coordination

(a) The Ministry of Finance shall coordinate all Project implementation activities.

(b) The Borrower shall, until completion of the Project, maintain the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall continue to be responsible for: (i) establishing and monitoring a timetable for the implementation of the Project, (ii) reviewing and approving the procurement of goods, works and services, (iii) coordinating and approving the various Project components so as to ensure coherence and compatibility in design, management and implementation; and (iv) making recommendations to the Ministry of Finance on policy issues. The Steering Committee shall be supported by a Project Implementation Team which shall be composed of a Manager, a Finance Manager and Information Technology Manager, all selected in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of Schedule 3 to this Agreement, and designated counterpart staff of the Borrower.

2. Implementation Plan

Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall, in the carrying out of the Project, apply the guidelines and procedures specified in the Implementation Plan and shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Implementation Plan or any provision thereof which, in the opinion of the Association, will materially or adversely affect the implementation of the Project.

3. Reviews

The Borrower shall:

(a) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate on an ongoing basis, in accordance with indicators satisfactory to the Association, the carrying out of the

Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof;

(b) not later than December 31 of each year, commencing on December 31, 1997, undertake, in conjunction with the Association, a joint annual review on all matters relating to the progress of the Project and, in particular the progress achieved by the Borrower during the current fiscal year, having regard to the monitoring indicators referred to in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph;

(c) not later than one month prior to each annual review, shall furnish to the Association for its comments a report in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request on the progress of the Project;

(d) following each annual review, act promptly and diligently in order to take any corrective action deemed necessary to remedy any shortcoming identified in the implementation of the Project, or to implement such measures as may have been agreed upon between the parties in furtherance of the objectives of the Project; and

(e) promptly after the Effective Date, take all measures necessary on its part to organize, in conjunction with the Association, a workshop for the launching of the Project implementation, which shall cover, inter alia, disbursement and procurement procedures and detailed timetables for the implementation of the Project.

4. Midterm Review

(a) The Borrower shall, not later than December 31, 1999, carry out jointly with the Association a midterm review of the progress made in carrying out the Project (hereinafter referred to as the Midterm Review). This would be done in lieu of the annual review for the third year referred to in paragraph 3 above.

The Midterm Review shall cover, amongst other things:

- (i) an assessment of the Borrower's implementation of the Program;
- (ii) progress in integrating Program components into a cohesive set of actions;
- (iii) an assessment of the capacity of the various ministries and departments in carrying out Project activities; and
- (iv) a review of arrangements for meeting recurrent costs.

(b) The Borrower shall, not later than one month prior to the Midterm Review, furnish to the Association a separate report describing the status of implementation of each component of the Project and a summary report of Project implementation generally.

(c) The Borrower shall, not later than one month after the Midterm Review, prepare an action program, acceptable to the Association, for the further implementation of the Project having regard to the findings of the Midterm Review and, thereafter, implement such action program.

SCHEDULE 5

Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories (1) through (4) set forth in the table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement;

(b) the term "eligible expenditures" means expenditures in respect of the reasonable cost of goods and services required for

the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit allocated from time to time to the eligible Categories in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and

(c) the term "Authorized Allocation" means an amount equivalent to \$2,500,000 to be withdrawn from the Credit Account and deposited into the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of this Schedule provided, however, that unless the Association shall otherwise agree, the Authorized Allocation shall be limited to an amount equivalent to \$1,250,000 until the aggregate amount of withdrawals from the Credit Account plus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Association pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions shall be equal to or exceed the equivalent of SDR 5,000,000.

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 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 into the Special Account such amount or amounts as the Borrower shall have requested.

(b) (i) For replenishment of the Special Account, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association requests for deposits into the Special Account at such intervals as the Association shall specify.

(ii) Prior to or at the time of each such request, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association the documents and other evidence required pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Schedule for the payment or payments in respect of which replenishment is requested. On the basis of each such request, the Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit Account and deposit into the Special Account such amount as the Borrower shall have requested and as shall have been shown by said documents and other evidence to have been paid out of the Special Account for eligible expenditures.

All such deposits shall be withdrawn by the Association from the Credit Account under the respective eligible Categories, and in the respective equivalent amounts, as shall have been justified by said documents and other evidence.

4. For each payment made by the Borrower out of the Special Account, the Borrower shall, at such time as the Association shall reasonably request, furnish to the Association such documents and other evidence showing that such payment was made exclusively for eligible expenditures.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Schedule, the Association shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:

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

(b) if the Borrower shall have failed to furnish to the Asso-

ciation, within the period of time specified in Section 4.01 (b) (ii) of this Agreement, any of the audit reports required to be furnished to the Association pursuant to said Section in respect of the audit of the records and accounts for the Special Account;

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

(d) once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Credit allocated to the eligible Categories, 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; or (ii) was not justified by the evidence furnished to the Association, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association: (A) provide such additional evidence as the Association may request; or (B) deposit into the Special Account (or, if the Association shall so request, refund to the Association) an amount equal to the amount of such payment or the portion thereof not so eligible or justified. Unless the Association shall otherwise agree, no further deposit by the Association into the Special Account shall be made until the Borrower has provided such evidence or made such deposit or refund, as the case may be.

(b) If the Association shall have determined at any time that any amount outstanding in the Special Account will not be required to cover further payments for eligible expenditures, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association, refund to the Association such outstanding amount.

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

(d) Refunds to the Association made pursuant to paragraph 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.

