LOAN NUMBER 3161 WAF

Guarantee Agreement

(Third Regional Development Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF COTE D'IVOIRE

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated March 30, 1990

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GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated March 30, 1990, between REPUBLIC OF COTE D'IVOIRE (the Guarantor) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS (A) the Guarantor and Banque Ouest Africaine de Developpement (the Borrower), having been satisfied as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 1 to the Loan Agreement, have requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) by the Loan Agreement of even date herewith between the Bank and the Borrower, the Bank has agreed to extend to the Borrower a loan in various currencies equivalent to fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, but only on condition that the Guarantor agree to guarantee the obligations of the Borrower in respect of such loan as provided in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Guarantor, in consideration of the Bank's entering into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower, has agreed so to guarantee such obligations of the Borrower;

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" of the Bank, dated January 1, 1985, with the modifications set forth in Schedule 4 to the Loan Agreement (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, and Section 1.02 of, the Loan Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth.

ARTICLE II

Guarantee

Section 2.01. Without limitation or restriction upon any of its other obligations under the Guarantee Agreement, the Guarantor hereby unconditionally guarantees, as primary obligor and not as surety merely, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and interest and other charges on, the Loan, and the premium, if any, on the prepayment of the Loan, all as set forth in the Loan Agreement.

ARTICLE III

Other Covenants

Section 3.01. The Guarantor covenants that it will not take any action which would prevent or interfere with the performance by the Borrower of its obligations contained in the Loan Agreement and will take or cause to be taken all reasonable action necessary or appropriate to enable the Borrower to perform such obligations.

ARTICLE IV

Representative of the Guarantor; Addresses

Section 4.01. The Minister of Economy and Finance of the Guarantor is designated as representative of the Guarantor for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 4.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Guarantor:

Ministere de l'Economie et des Finances Boite Postale V 125 Abidjan Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

Cable address:

Telex:

23747

MINFIN Abidjan

Cote d'Ivoire

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:

INTBAFRAD 440098 (ITT)
Washington, D.C. 248423 (RCA) or
64145 (WUI)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names in the District of Columbia, United States of America, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF COTE D'IVOIRE

By /s/ Charles Gomis

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Edward V. K. Jaycox

Regional Vice President Africa