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LOAN NUMBER 3117 AL

(Economic Reform Support Loan)

between

DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated October 17, 1989

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated October 17, 1989, between DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS (A) the Bank has received a letter dated July 27, 1989 from the Borrower describing a program of actions, objectives and policies designed to achieve structural reform of the Borrower's economy (hereinafter called the Program), declaring the Borrower's commitment to the execution of the Program, and requesting assistance from the Bank in the financing of urgently needed imports required during such execution; and

(B) on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, the Bank has decided in support of the Program to provide such assistance to the Borrower by making the Loan in two tranches as hereinafter provided;

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 thereof set forth below (the General Conditions) constitute an integral part of this Agreement:

(a) Section 2.01, paragraph 11, shall be modified to read:

"'Project' means the imports that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan pursuant to the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Loan Agreement.";

(b) Section 9.07 (c) shall be modified to read:

"(c) Not later than six months after the Closing Date or such later date as may be agreed for this purpose between the Borrower and the Bank, the Borrower shall prepare and furnish to the Bank a report, of such scope and in such detail as the Bank shall reasonably request, on the execution of the program referred to in the Preamble to the Loan Agreement, the performance by the Borrower and the Bank of their respective obligations under the Loan Agreement and the accomplishment of the purposes of the Loan."; and

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

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) "SITC" means the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3 (SITC, Rev. 3), published by the United Nations in Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 34/Rev.3 (1986);

(b) "Dinar" and "DA" mean the unit of currency of the Borrower;

(c) "BAD" means the Borrower's Algerian Development Bank, (Banque Algerienne de Developpement) established and operating pursuant to the Borrower's Ordinance No. 71/47 dated June 30, 1971, as amended from time to time;

(d) "Consumer Price Index" means the consumer price index published monthly by the Borrower's National Office of Statistics (Office National des Statistiques);

(e) "Economic Public Enterprise" means a national public enterprise (entreprise publique economique) established and operating pursuant to Title I of the Borrower's Law No. 88-01 dated January 12, 1988; and

(f) "Foreign Exchange Allocation Law" means the Borrower's Decree No. 88-167 dated September 6, 1988, providing for the allocation of foreign exchange to national public enterprises (Decret No. 88-167 du 6 septembre 1988 relatif aux conditions de programmation des echanges exterieurs et a la mise en place des budgets-devises au profit des entreprises publiques), as amended from time to time.

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, various currencies that shall have an aggregate value equivalent to the amount of three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000), being the sum of withdrawals of the proceeds of the Loan, with each withdrawal valued by the Bank as of the date of such withdrawal.

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.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be December 31, 1991 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 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 2.05. (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 the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of the preceding Semester, plus one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%). On each of the dates specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, the Borrower shall pay interest accrued on the principal amount outstanding during the preceding Interest Period, calculated at the rate applicable during such Interest Period.

(b) As soon as practicable after the end of each Semester, the Bank shall notify the Borrower of the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of such Semester.

(c) For the purposes of this Section:

(i) "Interest Period" means a six-month period ending on the date immediately preceding each date specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, beginning with the Interest Period in which this Agreement is signed.

(ii) "Cost of Qualified Borrowings" means the cost, as reasonably determined by the Bank and expressed as a percentage per annum, of the outstanding borrowings of the Bank drawn down after June 30, 1982, excluding such borrowings or portions thereof as the Bank has allocated to fund: (A) the Bank's investments; and (B) loans which may be made by the Bank after July 1, 1989 bearing interest rates determined otherwise than as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section.

(iii) "Semester" means the first six months or the second six months of a calendar year.

(d) On such date as the Bank may specify by no less than six months' notice to the Borrower, paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) (iii) of this Section shall be amended to read as follows:

"(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 Quarter equal to the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of the preceding Quarter, plus one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%). On each of the dates specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, the Borrower shall pay interest accrued on the principal amount outstanding during the preceding Interest Period, calculated at the rates applicable during such Interest Period."

"(b) As soon as practicable after the end of each Quarter, the Bank shall notify the Borrower of the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of such Quarter."

"(c) (iii) 'Quarter' means a three-month period commencing on January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1 in a calendar year."

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section, the interest rate for the Interest Period commencing in the first Semester of 1989 shall be seven and sixty-five hundredths percent (7.65%).

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

Section 2.07. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

Section 2.08. (a) The BAD is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of taking any action required or permitted to be taken under the provisions of Section 2.02 of this Agreement and Article V of the General Conditions.

(b) Without limitation or restriction upon the foregoing, the Borrower hereby entrusts the BAD with responsibility for the preparation of withdrawal applications under the Loan and for the collection of the documents and other evidence to be furnished to the Bank in support of such applications; such withdrawal applications shall to the extent practicable be consolidated so as

to apply for withdrawal of aggregate amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 equivalent.

ARTICLE III

Particular Covenants

Section 3.01. (a) The Borrower and the Bank shall from time to time, at the request of either party, exchange views on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program and the actions specified in Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

(b) Prior to each such exchange of views, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank for its review and comment a report on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program, in such detail as the Bank shall reasonably request.

Section 3.02. Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

Section 3.03. (a) The Borrower shall maintain or cause to be maintained separate records and accounts adequate to reflect in accordance with consistently maintained sound accounting practices the expenditures financed out of the proceeds of the Loan.

(b) The Borrower shall:

(i) have the records and accounts referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with appropriate auditing principles 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 nine months after the end of each such year, a certified copy of the report of such audit by said auditors, of such scope and in such detail as the Bank shall have reasonably requested; and

(iii) furnish to the Bank such other information concerning said records and accounts and the audit thereof as the Bank shall 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) 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 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 audits 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 IV

Additional Event of Suspension

Section 4.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (k) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely, that a situation has arisen which shall make it improbable that the Program, or a significant part thereof, will be carried out.

ARTICLE V

Termination

Section 5.01. 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. Except as provided in Section 2.08 (a) of this Agreement, 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:

Ministere des Finances
Immeuble Mauretania
Place du Perou
Algiers
Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria

Cable address:	Telex:
FINPLAN Alger	67073

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names in Algiers, Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria, as of the day and year first above written.

DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA

By /s/ Ghazi Hidouci

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Kemal Dervis

Acting Regional Vice President
Europe, Middle East and North Africa

SCHEDULE 1

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Loan

1. Subject to the provisions set forth or referred to in this Schedule, the proceeds of the Loan may be withdrawn from the Loan Account for expenditures made (or, if the Bank shall so agree, to be made) in respect of the reasonable cost of goods required during the execution of the Program and to be financed out of such proceeds.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawals shall be made in respect of:

(a) expenditures for goods included in the following SITC groups or sub-groups, or any successor groups or sub-groups under future revisions to the SITC, as designated by the Bank by notice to the Borrower:

Group	Sub-group	Description of Items
112	-	Alcoholic beverages
121	-	Tobacco, unmanufactured, tobacco refuse
122	-	Tobacco, manufactured (whether or not containing tobacco substitutes)
525	-	Radioactive and associated materials
667	-	Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones,
718	718.7	Nuclear reactors, and parts thereof, fuel elements (cartridges), non-irradiated for nuclear reactors
897	897.3	Jewelry of gold, silver or platinum group metals (except watches and watch cases) and goldsmiths' or silversmiths' wares (including set gems)
971	-	Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)

(b) expenditures in the currency of the Borrower or for goods supplied from the territory of the Borrower;

(c) payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals in an aggregate amount not exceeding the equivalent of \$60,000,000 may be made on account of payments made for such expenditures before that date but after May 15, 1989;

(d) expenditures for goods procured under contracts costing less than \$60,000 equivalent;

(e) expenditures for goods supplied under a contract which any national or international financing institution or agency other than the Bank shall have financed or agreed to finance;

(f) expenditures for goods intended for a military or para-military purpose or for luxury consumption;

(g) expenditures in excess of an aggregate amount equivalent to \$60,000,000 for petroleum products and foodstuffs; and

(h) expenditures for goods imported under contracts for the supply of

commodities, if such contracts were awarded by direct contracting without competition.

3. Withdrawals for expenditures under contracts for the procurement of goods estimated to cost less than \$2,000,000 may be permitted by the Bank upon the basis of statements of expenditure under such terms and conditions as the Bank shall specify.

4. No withdrawal shall be made and no commitment shall be entered into to pay amounts to or on the order of the Borrower in respect of expenditures to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan after the aggregate of the proceeds of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account and the total amount of such commitments shall have reached the equivalent of \$150,000,000, unless the Bank shall be satisfied, after an exchange of views as described in Section 3.01 of this Agreement based on evidence satisfactory to the Bank: (a) with the progress achieved by the Borrower in the carrying out of the Program, and (b) that the actions described in Schedule 4 to this Agreement have been taken.

5. If, after the exchange of views described in paragraph 4 above, the Bank shall have given notice to the Borrower that the progress achieved and actions taken are not satisfactory and, within 90 days after such notice, the Borrower shall not have achieved progress and taken actions satisfactory to the Bank, then the Bank may, by notice to the Borrower, cancel the unwithdrawn amount of the Loan or any part thereof.

SCHEDULE 2

Amortization Schedule

Date Payment Due	Payment of Principal (expressed in dollars)*
On each May 1 and November 1 beginning May 1, 1995 through November 1, 2004	15,000,000

* The figures in this column represent dollar equivalents determined as of the respective dates of withdrawal. See General Conditions, Sections 3.04 and 4.03.

Premiums on Prepayment

Pursuant to Section 3.04 (b) of the General Conditions, the premium payable on the principal amount of any maturity of the Loan to be prepaid shall be the percentage

specified for the applicable time of prepayment below:

Time of Prepayment	Premium
	The interest rate (expressed as a percentage per annum) applicable to the Loan on the day of prepayment multiplied by:
Not more than three years before maturity	0.20
More than three years but not more than six years before maturity	0.40
More than six years but not more than eleven years before maturity	0.73
More than eleven years but not more than thirteen years before maturity	0.87
More than thirteen years before maturity	1.00

SCHEDULE 3

Procurement

1. Contracts for the procurement of goods estimated to cost the equivalent of \$5,000,000 or more each shall be awarded through international competitive bidding in accordance with procedures consistent with those set forth in Sections I and II of the "Guidelines for Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits" published by the Bank in May 1985 (the Guidelines), subject to the following modifications:

(a) Paragraph 2.8 of the Guidelines is deleted and the following is substituted therefor:

"2.8 Notification and Advertising

The international community should be notified in a timely manner of the opportunity to bid. This will be done by advertising invitations to apply for inclusion in a bidder's invitation list, to apply for requalification, or to bid; such advertisements should be placed in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the Borrower's country and, in addition, in at least one of the following forms:

(i) a notice in the United Nations publication, Development Business;
or

(ii) an advertisement in a newspaper, periodical or technical journal of wide international circulation; or

(iii) a notice to local representatives of countries and territories referred to in the Guidelines, that are potential suppliers of the goods required."

(b) The following is added at the end of paragraph 2.21 of the Guidelines:

"As a further alternative, bidding documents may require the bidder to state the bid price in a single currency widely used in international trade and specified in the bidding documents."

(c) Paragraphs 2.55 and 2.56 of the Guidelines are deleted.

2. Contracts for the procurement of goods estimated to cost the equivalent of less than \$5,000,000 shall be awarded:

(a) by public sector purchasers, subject to the Borrower's public procurement procedures for the importation of goods, on the basis of competitive bidding advertised locally, and by other public sector purchasers, all in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Bank; or

(b) by other purchasers, in accordance with established commercial practices, provided that such contracts shall be awarded on the basis of evaluation and comparison of quotations obtained from suppliers from at least two countries, except where direct contracting is permitted under paragraph 3.5 of the Guidelines.

3. Contracts for the procurement of commodities and other products contracted through international commodity markets shall be awarded on the basis of procedures acceptable to the Bank.

4. With respect to each contract referred to in paragraph 1 of this Schedule, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank, prior to the submission to the Bank of the first application for withdrawal of funds from the Loan Account in respect of such contract, two conformed copies of such contract, together with the analysis of the respective bids and recommendations for award, a description of the advertising and tendering procedures followed and such other information as the Bank shall reasonably request.

5. With respect to each contract referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Schedule, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank, prior to the submission to the Bank of the first application for withdrawal of funds from the Loan Account in respect thereof, such documentation and information as the Bank may reasonably request to support withdrawal applications in respect of such contract.

6. The provisions of the preceding paragraphs 4 and 5 shall not apply to contracts on account of which the Bank has authorized withdrawals from the Loan Account on the basis of statements of expenditure.

SCHEDULE 4

Actions Referred to in Paragraph 4 (b) of Schedule 1 to this Agreement

The following actions shall be taken for the purpose of applying Paragraph 4(b) of Schedule 1 to this Agreement:

1. Foreign Exchange System

(a) The following actions to implement the Borrower's foreign exchange allocation system in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Allocation Law:

(i) the Borrower shall have issued a notification to all Economic Public Enterprises specifying their respective multiyear foreign exchange allocations beginning fiscal year 1990; and

(ii) the Borrower shall have authorized: (A) each Economic Public Enterprise to carry over, for utilization by any such enterprise in the following fiscal years, all allocations of foreign exchange which shall have been made to such enterprise during a preceding fiscal year and which shall have remained unutilized at the end of such year, provided that in the case of an Economic Public Enterprise which is engaged in export activity said enterprise shall have satisfied its applicable export targets; and (B) that all such carryovers shall be in addition to the allocation of foreign exchange made to a given Economic Public Enterprise for the following fiscal year.

(b) Taking of all action necessary to ensure that the total value of all goods imported for resale by importers designated by the Borrower as the sole authorized importers of a particular type of goods during fiscal year 1990 shall not exceed 45% of the total value of all goods imported during such year.

2. Price

Taking of all actions necessary to ensure the free determination on a market basis of the prices of goods and services whose weight in the Consumer Price Index equals at least 40% of the total weight assigned to all goods and services in said

index.

3. Public Investment Program

Carrying out, on the basis of guidelines agreed upon by both the Borrower and the Bank, of a review by the Borrower and the Bank of the Borrower's public investment program for its fiscal year 1990, and of the criteria for the preparation of the Borrower's public investment program for its fiscal years 1991 through 1994.

4. Public Enterprises

That at least 300 of the Borrower's national public enterprises shall have been transformed into autonomous Economic Public Enterprises in accordance with the provisions of Title I of the Borrower's Law No. 88-01 dated January 12, 1988.

5. Social Program

Preparation, on the basis of terms of reference set forth in the Program, of a plan of action to alleviate the adverse effects on the most vulnerable groups of the Borrower's population which may result from the implementation of the Program, including the development of a suitable program of subsidies.

