LOAN NUMBER 3678 TUN

Guarantee Agreement

(Private Investment Credit Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated February 14, 1994

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# GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated February 14, 1994, between the REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA (the Guarantor) and the INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS (A) the Guarantor and the TUNISIE LEASING (the Borrower), having been satisfied as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 2 to the Loan Agreement, have requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project; and

(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 six million dollars (\$6,000,000), 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 and to undertake such other obligations as 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" of the Bank, dated January 1, 1985, with the modifications set forth in Schedule 6 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, in the Preamble to this Agreement and in the Preamble to and Section 1.02 of the Loan Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth.

#### ARTICLE II

#### Guarantee; Provision of Funds

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. Without any limitation upon any of its other obligations under this Agreement, the Guarantor shall take all measures as may be required on its part to assist and enable the Borrower to carry out the Project and comply with its obligations under the Loan Agreement.

Section 3.02. The Guarantor shall at all times take all adequate action satisfactory to the Bank to permit the Borrower to protect itself against risk of loss resulting from changes in the rates of exchange between the currencies (including the currency of the Guarantor) used in its operations.

# ARTICLE IV

# Representatives of the Guarantor; Addresses

Section 4.01. The Minister of International Cooperation and Foreign Investment 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:

Ministry of International Cooperation and Foreign Investment 149, Avenue de la Libert 1002 Tunis-Belv'd're Republic of Tunisia

Cable Address: Telex:

MCIIE 18060

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 248423 (RCA)
Washington, D.C. 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 TUNISIA

By /s/ Ismail Khelil
Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Caio Koch-Weser Regional Vice President Middle East and North Africa