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LOAN NUMBER 3861 UZ

Loan Agreement

(Rehabilitation Loan)

between

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated April 5, 1995

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated April 5, 1995, between REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS: (A) the Bank has received a letter dated February 17, 1995, from the Borrower describing a program of actions, objectives and policies designed to achieve structural reforms in 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 and services 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 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 and other activities 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.";

(c) The last sentence of Section 3.02 is deleted; and

(d) In Section 6.02, sub-paragraph (k) is re-lettered as sub-paragraph (l) and a new sub-paragraph (k) is added to read:

"(k) An extraordinary situation shall have arisen under which any further withdrawals under the Loan would be inconsistent with the provisions of Article III, Section 3 of the Bank's Articles of 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) "Market Exchange Rate" means the exchange rate established on the Uzbek Interbank Foreign Exchange Market or any successor thereto;

(b) "Central Bank" means the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

(c) "PIU" means Project Implementation Unit described in Section 3.04 of this Agreement; and

(d) "SITC" means the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3 (SITC, Rev. 3), published by the United Nations in Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 343 (1986).

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 one hundred sixty million dollars (\$160,000,000), 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 June 30, 1996 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."

Section 2.06. Interest and other charges shall be payable semiannually on March 1 and September 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. The Borrower hereby entrusts PIU 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.

(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. The Borrower shall ensure that all local currency transactions related to the use of the Loan shall be made at the Market Exchange Rate.

Section 3.04. (a) The Borrower shall maintain a PIU within the Department of the Coordination of External Economic Activity of the Borrower's Cabinet of Ministers, to be headed, at all times, by a coordinator with qualifications, terms of reference and experience satisfactory to the Bank, assisted by qualified staff in adequate numbers acceptable to the Bank;

(b) The PIU shall be responsible for advising on, overseeing and coordinating procurement and disbursement actions under the Loan.

Section 3.05. (a) The Borrower shall:

(i) not later than May 31, 1995, design, approve and announce detailed, time-bound implementation arrangements, acceptable to the Bank, for the mass privatization scheme using investment funds, including the sale of not less than thirty percent (30%) of the shares of the privatized enterprises to investment funds at their face value;

(ii) not later than July 31, 1995, adopt regulations, satisfactory to the Bank, for the establishment and operation of investment funds, including the sale of shares of such funds to enable wide public participation; and

(b) For the purposes of this Section: (i) "investment fund" means an investment company of an open type; and (ii) "face value" means the value of the share determined at the time of registration at the Ministry of Finance.

Section 3.06. The Borrower shall, by August 31, 1995, adopt measures, acceptable to the Bank, for the implementation of the following:

(a) the reduction in state orders for the 1995 cotton crop to sixty percent (60%) of the 1995 output and the announcement of further reduction in state orders for the 1996 cotton crop by January 31, 1996;

(b) an increase in the procurement price of state orders for the 1995 cotton crop to fifty percent (50%) of the international price determined in a manner acceptable to the Bank, excluding the cost of transportation;

(c) the reduction in state orders for grain to fifty percent (50%) of production in 1995 and to twenty-five percent (25%) of production in 1996; and

(d) an increase in the procurement price of state orders for grain in 1995 to fifty percent (50%) of the international price determined in a manner acceptable to the Bank, including the cost of transportation.

Section 3.07. (a) The Borrower shall maintain or cause to be maintained 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 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 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, or customs certificates, as appropriate) 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.

Additional Event of Suspension

Section 4.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (1) 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

Effective Date; Termination

Section 5.01. The date sixty (60) days after the date of this Agreement is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 12.04 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE VI

Representatives 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:

Ministry of Finance
Mustakillik Meydani
Tashkent
Republic of Uzbekistan

Telex:

116360 IKBOL

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 (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 UZBEKISTAN

By /s/ Fatikh Teshabaev

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Yukon Huang
Acting Regional Vice President
Europe and Central Asia

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 subgroups, or any successor groups or subgroups under future revisions to the SITC, as designated by the Bank by notice to the Borrower:

Group	Subgroup	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 semiprecious stones, unworked or worked
718	718.1	Nuclear reactors, and parts thereof, fuel elements (cartridges), nonirradiated for nuclear reactors
728	728.43	Tobacco processing machinery
Group	Subgroup	Description of Items
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, nonmonetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)

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

(c) payments made for goods imported prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals in an aggregate amount not exceeding the equivalent of \$32,000,000 may be made on account of payments made for such goods imported before that

date but after November 30, 1994;

(d) 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;

(e) expenditures for goods intended for a military or paramilitary purpose or for luxury consumption; and

(f) expenditures in any given calendar month after the date of this Agreement but prior to June 30, 1995, if the aggregate amount of said withdrawals during said month, excluding withdrawals made pursuant to sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph 2, exceeds \$16 million equivalent and thereafter exceeds \$20 million equivalent.

SCHEDULE 2

Amortization Schedule

Date Payment Due	Payment of Principal (expressed in dollars)*
September 1, 2000	3,075,000
March 1, 2001	3,185,000
September 1, 2001	3,300,000
March 1, 2002	3,415,000
September 1, 2002	3,535,000
March 1, 2003	3,660,000
September 1, 2003	3,790,000
March 1, 2004	3,925,000
September 1, 2004	4,065,000
March 1, 2005	4,210,000
September 1, 2005	4,360,000
March 1, 2006	4,515,000
September 1, 2006	4,675,000
March 1, 2007	4,840,000
September 1, 2007	5,010,000
March 1, 2008	5,190,000
September 1, 2008	5,370,000
March 1, 2009	5,560,000
September 1, 2009	5,760,000
March 1, 2010	5,965,000
September 1, 2010	6,175,000
March 1, 2011	6,395,000
September 1, 2011	6,620,000
March 1, 2012	6,855,000
September 1, 2012	7,100,000
March 1, 2013	7,350,000
September 1, 2013	7,610,000
March 1, 2014	7,880,000
September 1, 2014	8,160,000
March 1, 2015	8,450,000

* 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	0.15
More than three years but not more than six years before maturity	0.30
More than six years but not more than 11 years before maturity	0.55
More than 11 years but not more than 16 years before maturity	0.80
More than 16 years but not more than 18 years before maturity	0.90
More than 18 years before maturity	1.00

SCHEDULE 3

Procurement

1. Contracts for the procurement of goods estimated to cost the equivalent of \$2,000,000 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 1992 (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 prequalification, 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 Forum, Business Edition; 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.

(d) For fixed-price contracts, the invitation to bid referred to in paragraph 2.13 of the Guidelines shall provide that, when contract award is delayed beyond the original bid validity period, the successful bidder's bid price will be increased for each week of delay by two predisclosed correction factors acceptable to the Bank, one to be applied to all foreign currency components and the other to the local currency component of the bid price. Such an increase shall not be taken into account in the bid evaluation.

(e) In the procurement of goods in accordance with this paragraph 1, the Borrower shall use the relevant standard bidding documents issued by the Bank, with such modifications thereto as the Bank shall have agreed to be necessary for the purposes of the Project. Where no relevant standard bidding documents have been issued by the Bank, the Borrower shall use bidding documents based on other internationally recognized standard forms agreed with the Bank.

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

(a) by purchasers required to follow the Borrower's public procurement procedures for the importation of goods, on the basis of such procedures, provided that such procedures shall have been found acceptable by the Bank; and

(b) by other purchasers, in accordance with established commercial practice, provided that such contracts shall be awarded on the basis of comparison of quotations obtained from suppliers from at least two countries, except that direct contracting procedures acceptable to the Bank may be used where considered appropriate under paragraph 3.5 of the Guidelines.

3. Subject to the prior approval of the Bank, commonly traded commodities (such as grain, sugar, cooking oil and industrial raw materials) may be procured through organized international commodity markets or other channels of competitive procurement acceptable to the Bank, in accordance with 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.

