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# **Development Credit Agreement**

**(Judicial Reform Project)**

**between**

**REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

**and**

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Dated December 14, 2000**

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**DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT, dated December 14, 2000, between REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (the Association).

WHEREAS (A) the Association has received from the Borrower a letter dated August 21, 2000, describing a program of actions, objectives and policies designed to reform the judicial system of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter called the Program) and declaring the Borrower's commitment to the execution of the Program;

(B) 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; 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 (as amended through October 6, 1999) with modifications set forth below (the General Conditions), constitute an integral part of this Agreement:

(a) A new paragraph (12) is added to Section 2.01 to read as set forth below, and the existing paragraphs (12) through (14) of said Section are accordingly renumbered as paragraphs (13) through (15):

"12. 'Participating Country' means any country that the Association determines meets the requirements set forth in Section 11 of Resolution No. 194 of the Board of Governors of the Association, adopted on April 8, 1999; and 'Participating Countries' means, collectively, all such countries." ; and

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

“Except as the Borrower and the Association shall otherwise agree, no withdrawals shall be made: (a) on account of expenditures in the territories of any country which is not a Participating Country 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.”

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) “Administrative Office” means the Office of the Council of Court Chairmen (hereinafter defined as the Council) responsible for the provision of administrative support to the Council;

(b) “Advisory Board” means the board supervising the implementation of Part F of the Project;

(c) “Council” means the Borrower’s Council of Court Chairmen, established pursuant to the Law on the Judiciary of 1998;

(d) “Eligible Categories” means Categories (1), (2), (3) and (4) set forth in the table in Part A.1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement;

(e) “Eligible Expenditures” means the expenditures for goods, works and services referred to in Section 2.02 (a) of this Agreement;

(f) “Enforcement Service” means the Service for Compulsory Enforcement of Court Decisions, established pursuant to the Law on the Service for Compulsory Enforcement of Court Decisions, dated June 3, 1998;

(g) “Environmental Management Plan” means a plan setting forth mitigation measures and other requirements for carrying out works under Part B of the Project, and such plan constitutes a part of the Operational Manual;

(h) “JTC” means the Judicial Training Center established under the Council pursuant to the Law on the Judiciary of 1998;

(i) “MOFE” means the Borrower’s Ministry of Finance and Economy;

(j) “MOJ” means the Borrower’s Ministry of Justice;

(k) “Operational Manual” means the manual, satisfactory to the Association, setting forth the implementation rules and procedures for the Project, including the functioning of the PIU and including the Environmental Management Plan for Part B of the Project;

(l) “Pilot Courts” means Appellate Court on Criminal and Military Case, Appellate Court on Economic Cases, Appellate Court on Civil Cases, the Court of Malatia-Sebastia Community of Yerevan, the Court of Center and Nork-Marash Communities of Yerevan, the Shirak Marz Court, and the Lori Marz Court.

(m) “PIU” means the Project Implementation Unit established under the MOJ;

(n) “Project Account” means the account referred to in Section 3.01(b);

(o) “Project Administration Council” means the council established by the Borrower for the overall Project coordination;

(p) “Project Management Report” means each report prepared in accordance with Section 4.02 of this Agreement;

(q) “Project Preparation Advance” means the project preparation advance granted by the Association to the Borrower pursuant to the letter agreement signed on behalf of the Association on May 1, 2000 and on behalf of the Borrower on June 21, 2000; and

(r) “Special Account” means the account referred to in Part B of Schedule 1 to this Agreement;

## **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 the Development Credit Agreement, an amount in various currencies equivalent to eight million six hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 8,600,000).

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, works 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) 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, 2004 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 (60) 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 and 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 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 percent ( $3/4$  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 June 1 and December 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 June 1 and December 1 commencing December 1, 2010 and ending June 1, 2040. Each installment to and including the installment payable on June 1, 2020, 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 (3) 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 Bank 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 semi-annual payment date referred to in paragraph (a) above falling six (6) 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 (5) 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 the Program, the Operational Manual and appropriate administrative, financial, engineering, environmental, and technical 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, the Borrower shall: (i) open by January 31, 2001, and maintain thereafter a Project Account in a bank acceptable to the Association; (ii) replenish said Project Account from time to time so that the amount deposited in said Project Account shall not be less than the equivalent of \$75,000; and (iii) use said Project Account for financing the Borrower's contribution to the Project expenditures.

(c) 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 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 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 designed to ensure the continued achievement of the objectives of the Project and the Program; 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 a financial management system, including records and accounts, and prepare financial statements in a format acceptable to the Association, adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Project.

(b) The Borrower shall:

- (i) have the records, accounts and financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section and the records and accounts for the Special Accounts for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with auditing standards acceptable to the Association, 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 (6) months after the end of each such year: (A) certified copies of the financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for such year as so audited; and (B) an opinion on such statements, records and accounts and 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 such records and accounts, and the audit thereof, and concerning said auditors, as the Association may 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 Project Management Reports or statements of expenditure, the Borrower shall:

- (i) maintain or cause to be maintained, in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section, records 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 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 or the Project Management Reports 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.

Section 4.02. (a) Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 4.01 of this Agreement, the Borrower shall carry out a time-bound action plan acceptable to the Association for the strengthening of the financial management system referred to in paragraph (a) of said Section 4.01 in order to enable the Borrower, not later than March 1, 2002, or such later date as the Association shall agree, to prepare quarterly Project Management Reports, acceptable to the Association, each of which:

- (i) (A) sets forth actual sources and applications of funds for the Project, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, and projected sources and applications of funds for the Project for the six-month period following the period covered by said report; and (B) shows separately expenditures financed out of the proceeds of the Credit during the period covered by said report and expenditures proposed to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit during the six-month period following the period covered by said report;

- (ii) (A) describes physical progress in Project implementation, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report; and (B) explains variances between the actual and previously forecast implementation targets; and

(b) Upon the completion of the action plan referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section, the Borrower shall prepare, in accordance with guidelines acceptable to the Association, and furnish to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, a Project Management Report for such period.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Effective Date; 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. The Minister of Finance and Economy 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 and Economy  
1, Government House  
Republic Square  
Yerevan 375010  
Republic of Armenia

Telex: 243331 LADA SU                      Facsimile: (3742) 151-154

For the Association:

International Development Association  
1818 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20433  
United States of America

Cable address: INDEVAS                      Telex: 248423 (MCI) or 64145 (MCI)                      Facsimile: (202) 477-6391  
Washington, D.C.

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 ARMENIA

By /s/ Arman Kirakossian  
Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By /s/ Judy O'Connor  
Acting Regional Vice President  
Europe and Central Asia

**SCHEDULE 1**

**Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Credit**

A. General

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:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount of the Credit Allocated (Expressed in SDR Equivalent)</u>	<u>% of Expenditures To be Financed</u>
(1) Goods		100% of foreign expenditures, 100% of local expenditures (ex-factory cost) and 90% of local expenditures for other items procured locally
(a) under Part C.1 of the Project	133,000	
(b) under other Parts of the Project	1,918,000	
(2) Works	3,021,000	90%
(3) Consultants’ services and training	2,789,000	100%
(4) Incremental operating costs of the PIU	383,000	100%
(5) Refunding of Project Preparation Advance	356,000	Amount due pursuant to Section 2.02(b) of this Agreement
TOTAL	<u>8,600,000</u>	

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;

(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; and

(c) the term “incremental operating costs of the PIU” means the incremental expenses incurred by the PIU on account of Project implementation, including: staff salaries (other than Government officials), training of the PIU staff, minor office refurbishment and office maintenance, office supplies, minor office equipment and maintenance, vehicle operation, insurance and maintenance, utilities, communications, translation, banking charges and audit expenses.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawals shall be made in respect of: (a) payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement; and (b) payments made for expenditures under Category (1) (a) until the Borrower shall have submitted to the Association satisfactory evidence that an organizational and management structure of the JTC has been established and the JTC has become fully operational.

4. The Association may require withdrawals from the Credit Account to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure for expenditures for: (i) works under contracts not exceeding \$600,000 equivalent per contract; (ii) goods under contracts not exceeding \$100,000 equivalent per contract; (iii) services provided by consulting firms under contracts not exceeding \$100,000 equivalent per contract; (iv) services provided by individual consultants under contracts not exceeding \$50,000 equivalent per contract; (v) training; and (vi) operating costs of the PIU, all under such terms and conditions as the Association shall specify by notice to the Borrower.

B. Special Account

1. The Borrower shall open and maintain in Dollars a separate special deposit account, in a bank acceptable to the Association, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association, including appropriate protection against set-off, seizure and attachment.

2. After the Association has received evidence satisfactory to it that a Special Account has been opened, withdrawals from the Credit Account of amounts to be deposited into the said Special Account shall be made as follows:

(a) until the Association shall have received: (i) the first Project Management Report referred to in Section 4.02 (b) of this Agreement; and (ii) a request from the Borrower for withdrawal on the basis of Project Management Reports, withdrawals shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Annex A to this Schedule 1; and

(b) upon receipt by the Association of a Project Management Report pursuant to Section 4.02 (b) of this Agreement, accompanied by a request from the Borrower for withdrawal on the basis of Project Management Reports, all further withdrawals shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Annex B to this Schedule.

3. Payments out of the Special Account shall be made exclusively for Eligible Expenditures. 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.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part B.2 of this Schedule, the Association shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:

(a) if the Association determines at any time that any Project Management Report does not adequately provide the information required pursuant to Section 4.02 of this Agreement;

(b) if the Association determines at any time that all further withdrawals should be made by the Borrower directly from the Credit Account; or

(c) if the Borrower shall have failed to furnish to the Association 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 (A) the records and accounts for the Special Account, or (B) the records and accounts reflecting expenditures with respect to which withdrawals were made on the basis of Project Management Reports.

5. The Association shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account in accordance with the provisions of Part B.2 of this Schedule 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 Section 6.02 of the General Conditions. Upon such notification, the Association shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether further deposits into the Special Account may

be made and what procedures should be followed for making such deposits, and shall notify the Borrower of its determination.

6. (a) If the Association determines at any time that any payment out of the Special Account was made for an expenditure which is not an Eligible Expenditure, or was not justified by the evidence furnished to the Association, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association, provide such additional evidence as the Association may request, or 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. 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 determines at any time that any amount outstanding in the Special Account will not be required to cover payments for Eligible Expenditures during the six-month period following such determination, 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 sub-paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of this paragraph 6 shall be credited to the Credit Account for subsequent withdrawal or for cancellation in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Agreement.

**Annex A  
to  
SCHEDULE 1**

**Operation of Special Account When Withdrawals Are Not Made  
On the Basis of Project Management Reports**

1. For the purposes of this Annex, the term “Authorized Allocation” means an amount equivalent to \$500,000 to be withdrawn from the Credit Account and deposited into the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Annex; provided, however, that unless the Association shall otherwise agree, the Authorized Allocation shall be limited to an amount equivalent to \$350,000 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 equal or exceed the equivalent of SDR 2,000,000.

2. Withdrawals of the Special Account’s Authorized Allocation and subsequent withdrawals to replenish the Special Account shall be made as follows:

(a) For withdrawals of the Special Account’s Authorized Allocation, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association a request or requests for deposit into the Special Account of an amount or amounts which in the aggregate do not exceed the Authorized Allocation. 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.

(b) For replenishment of the Special Account, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association requests for deposit into the Special Account at such intervals as the Association shall specify. 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 Part B.3 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement 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. Each such deposit into the Special Account shall be withdrawn by the Association from the Credit Account under one or more of the Special Account’s Eligible Categories.

3. The Association shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account, once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Credit minus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Association pursuant to Section



5.02 of the General Conditions, shall equal the equivalent of twice the amount of the Special Account's Authorized Allocation. Thereafter, withdrawal from the Credit Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Credit 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.

**Annex B  
to  
SCHEDULE 1**

**Operation of Special Account When Withdrawals Are Made  
On the Basis of Project Management Reports**

1. Except as the Association may otherwise specify by notice to the Borrower, all withdrawals from the Credit Account shall be deposited by the Association into the Special Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement. Each such deposit into the Special Account shall be withdrawn by the Association from the Credit Account under one or more of the Special Account's Eligible Categories.
2. Each application for withdrawal from the Credit Account for deposit into the Special Account shall be supported by a Project Management Report.
3. Upon receipt of each application for withdrawal of an amount of the Loan, the Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit Account and deposit into the Special Account an amount equal to the lesser of: (a) the amount so requested; and (b) the amount which the Association has determined, based on the Project Management Report accompanying said application, is required to be deposited in order to finance Eligible Expenditures during the six-month period following the date of such report; provided, however, that the amount so deposited, when added to the amount indicated by said Project Management Report to be remaining in the Special Account, shall not exceed the equivalent of \$750,000.

## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **Description of the Project**

The objectives of the Project are: (i) to strengthen judicial governance through the support to the Council; (ii) to improve court administration and case management procedures; (iii) to develop a comprehensive institutional base for continuing education for judges and court personnel; (iv) to strengthen the service for enforcement of court decisions; (v) to develop a comprehensive legal information system accessible to judges, legal professionals, business community and citizens; and (vi) to promote public awareness of laws and legal institutions.

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 objectives:

#### Part A: Strengthening Institutional Capacity of the Judiciary

1. Provision of technical assistance, training and equipment for: (a) institutional strengthening of the Council and its Administrative Office; (b) development of the code of ethics for judges and a mechanism for evaluation of judicial performance; and (c) improvement of the legislative framework for the judiciary.
2. Development of modern court administration models in the areas of: (a) court financing; (b) efficient organization of judges and court personnel's work; and (c) court statistics.
3. Establishment of a modern case management system for courts of the first instance.
4. Carrying out of a court automation program through: (a) provision of computer equipment, software and technology to selected courts and training of judges and court personnel; and (b) carrying out an assessment for the use of other technology in courts.

#### Part B: Court Infrastructure Rehabilitation

1. Rehabilitation and refurbishing of six (6) Pilot Courts and construction of one (1) Pilot Court in Giumri.
2. Rehabilitation of thirteen (13) selected courts.

3. Development of new design and space planning standards for courts.

Part C: Training of Judges and Court Personnel

1. Assistance to the JTC in: (a) development of an organizational and management structure; (b) curricula development; and (c) equipping classrooms and other facilities.
2. Assistance in the development of a comprehensive strategy of continuing judicial education.

Part D: Improving Enforcement of Court Decisions

Provision of technical assistance, training and equipment to the Enforcement Service for strengthening its institutional and operational capacity.

Part E: Legal Information

1. Strengthening of the institutional and operational capacity of the MOJ and development of an adequate legislative framework for classification, systematization and collection/registration of legal information.
2. Development of an electronic legal database within the MOJ.
3. Development of a comprehensive strategy for effective and competitive dissemination of legal information.
4. Provision of essential legal texts to courts.

Part F: Public Awareness and Public Education Campaign

1. Development of a comprehensive public relations strategy for the judiciary and establishment of a public relations unit within the Council.
2. Provision of specialized training to journalists and other representatives of mass media in order to improve mass media coverage of legal and judicial matters.
3. Dissemination of legal information to the population through: (a) television and radio programs; (b) seminars in local communities; and (c) publication of brochures on legal issues.

4. Conducting public opinion surveys during Project implementation aimed at evaluation of public awareness of laws and legal institutions, and public attitude to courts and judges' services.

Part G: Project Management

Provision of equipment, training and administrative support to the PIU, including financing of its operating costs during Project implementation.

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The Project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2004.

### **SCHEDULE 3**

#### **Procurement**

##### Section I. Procurement of Goods and Works

###### Part A: General

1. Goods and works shall be procured in accordance with: (a) 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, September 1997 and January 1999 (the Guidelines); and (b) the provisions of the following Parts of this Section.

2. In paragraphs 1.6 and 1.8 of the Guidelines, the references to “Bank member countries” and “member country” shall be deemed to be references, respectively, to “Participating Countries” and “Participating Country”.

###### Part B: International Competitive Bidding

1. Except as otherwise provided in Part C of this Section, goods and works shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of Section II of the Guidelines and paragraph 2 of Appendix 1 thereto.

2. The following provisions shall apply to goods and works 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 works shall be grouped in bid packages estimated to cost the equivalent of \$600,000 or more.

###### (b) Preferences for domestically manufactured goods and domestic contractors

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 and works to be carried out by domestic contractors.

###### Part C: Other Procurement Procedures

1. National Competitive Bidding

Works estimated to cost less than \$600,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,940,000 equivalent, may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of the Guidelines. Bidders for works procured under this method may be postqualified in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.57 of the Guidelines.

2. International Shopping

Goods estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$407,000 equivalent, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of international shopping procedures in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of the Guidelines.

3. National Shopping

Goods estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$126,000 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 Association 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

(a) With respect to: (i) each contract for works estimated to cost the equivalent of \$600,000 or more; (ii) each contract for goods estimated to cost \$100,000 or more; and (iii) the first two contracts for works to be awarded in accordance with the provisions of Part C.1 of this Section, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.

(b) With respect to the first two contracts for goods procured in accordance with the provisions of Part C.2 of this Section, the following procedures shall apply:

- (i) prior to the selection of any supplier under shopping procedures, the Borrower shall provide to the Association a report on the comparison and evaluation of quotations received;
- (ii) prior to the execution of any contract procured under international shopping procedures, the Borrower shall provide to the Association a copy of the specifications and the draft contract; and
- (iii) the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2(f), 2(g) 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

Part A: General

1. Consultants' services shall be procured in accordance with: (a) the provisions of the Introduction and Section IV of the "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers" published by the Bank in January 1997 and revised in September 1997 and January 1999 (the Consultant Guidelines); and (b) the provisions of the following Parts of this Section.

2. In paragraph 1.10 of the Consultant Guidelines, the references to "Bank member countries" and "member country" shall be deemed to be references, respectively, to "Participating Countries" and "Participating Country".

Part B: Quality- and Cost-based Selection

Except as otherwise provided in Part C of this Section, consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of Section II of



the Consultant Guidelines, paragraph 3 of Appendix 1 thereto, Appendix 2 thereto, and the provisions of paragraphs 3.13 through 3.18 thereof applicable to quality- and cost-based selection of consultants.

Part C: Other Procedures for the Selection of Consultants

1. Selection Based on Consultants' Qualifications

Services estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract up to an aggregate amount of \$1,270,000, may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1 and 3.7 of the Consultants' Guidelines.

2. Individual Consultants

Services for tasks that meet the requirements set forth in paragraph 5.1 of the Consultant Guidelines shall be procured under contracts awarded to individual consultants in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 5.1 through 5.3 of the Consultant Guidelines.

3. Least-Cost Selection

Services for construction supervision under Part B of the Project may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1 and 3.6 of the Consultant Guidelines.

Part D: Review by the Association of the Selection of Consultants

1. Selection Planning

Prior to the issuance to consultants of any requests for proposals, the proposed plan for the selection of consultants under 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 Consultant Guidelines. Selection of all consultants' services shall be undertaken in accordance with such selection plan as shall have been approved by the Association, and with the provisions of said paragraph 1.

2. Prior Review

(a) With respect to each contract for the employment of consulting firms estimated to cost the equivalent of \$100,000 or more, the procedures set forth in

paragraphs 1, 2 (other than the third subparagraph of paragraph 2(a)) and 5 of Appendix 1 to the Consultant Guidelines shall apply; and

(b) With respect to each contract for the employment of individual consultants estimated to cost the equivalent of \$50,000 or more, the qualifications, experience, terms of reference and terms of employment of the consultants shall be furnished to the Association for its prior review and approval. The contract shall be awarded only after said approval shall have been given.

3. Post Review

With respect to each contract not governed by paragraph 1 of this Part, the procedures set forth in paragraph 4 of Appendix 1 to the Consultant Guidelines shall apply.

## **SCHEDULE 4**

### **Implementation Program**

1. During the execution of the Project, the Borrower shall:
  - (a) maintain the PIU within the MOJ, with the staff, resources and responsibilities acceptable to the Association;
  - (b) assign to the PIU the responsibility for Project implementation, including: (i) preparation by November 30 of each year, commencing from November 30, 2000, of annual work programs and associated budgets for the Project, reviewed and agreed upon with the Association; (ii) monitoring of the preparation of bidding and contract documents and of procurement procedures under the Project; (iii) maintenance of Project records including the Special Account and the Project Account, and arranging for the audit thereof; and (iv) preparation and furnishing to the Association of Project Management Reports;
  - (c) ensure that Project implementation will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Operational Manual;
  - (d) maintain the Project Administration Council responsible for the overall Project coordination which shall include representatives of the MOJ, the Council, the judiciary, the office of the Prime Minister, the MOFE, the Enforcement Service, the PIU Director and other representatives as may be agreed upon from time to time with the Association; and
  - (e) maintain Working Groups for each respective Part of the Project with composition and responsibilities acceptable to the Association.
2. The Borrower shall:
  - (a) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate on an ongoing basis, in accordance with the indicators agreed upon between the Borrower and the Association the carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof;

(b) prepare, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Association, and furnish to the Association, on or about July 30, 2002, a report integrating the results of the monitoring and evaluation activities performed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section, on the progress achieved in the carrying out of the Project during the period preceding the date of said report and setting out the measures recommended to ensure the efficient carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof during the period following such date; and

(c) review with the Association, by September 30, 2002, or such later date as the Association shall request, the report referred to in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, and, thereafter, take all measures required to ensure the efficient completion of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof, based on the conclusions and recommendations of the said report and the Association views on the matter.

3. Not later than June 30, 2001, the Borrower shall submit to the parliament an amendment to the Law on the Judiciary of 1998, providing the Council with supervisory authority over administrative affairs of courts of all levels, and such amendment shall be reviewed and agreed upon by the Association.

4. Not later than December 31, 2001, the Borrower shall submit to the parliament a draft law, reviewed and agreed upon by the Association, regulating classification, systematization, and registration procedures for the Borrower's laws and regulations.

5. For the purposes of carrying out Part F of the Project, the Borrower shall maintain, during execution of the Project, an Advisory Board whose composition and the terms of reference shall be acceptable to the Association.

6. The Borrower shall implement the Environmental Management Plan and shall ensure that all rehabilitation and construction works shall be carried out in accordance with the mitigation measures specified in the Environmental Management Plan.

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