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LOAN NUMBER 7005 SLO

Loan Agreement

(Health Sector Management Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated April 18, 2000

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated April 18, 2000, between REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS (A) the Bank has received a letter dated November 16, 1999, from the Borrower describing a phased program (the Program) to improve performance in the health sector through development of appropriate policies and standards and a unified national health information management system, and declaring the Borrower's commitment to implementation of the Program;

(B) the Borrower has requested the Bank to support the execution of the Program through extension to the Borrower of loans up to the equivalent of \$13,000,000 over a period of seven (7) years;

(C) the Borrower, having satisfied itself as to the feasibility and priority of the project described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement (the Project), has requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project; which constitutes the first phase of the Program; and

WHEREAS the Bank has agreed, on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, to extend the Loan 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 Loan and Guarantee Agreements for Fixed-Spread Loans" of the Bank, dated September 1, 1999, with the modifications set forth below (the General Conditions), constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

Paragraph (c) of Section 9.07 of the General Conditions is modified to read as follows:

"(c) Not later than six months before 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 and initial operation of the Project, its cost and the benefits derived and to be derived from it, 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."

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) "External Advisory Group" means a group of national and international experts to be established by the Project Board (hereinafter defined) to provide professional guidance and overall direction to said Board for Project implementation;

(b) "Eligible Categories" means categories (1) and (2); set forth in the table in Part A.1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.;

(c) "Eligible Expenditures" means the expenditures for goods and services referred to in Section 2.02 of this Agreement;

(d) "HIIS" means the Borrower's Health Insurance Institute (Zavod za zdravstveno zavarovanje Slovenije) established by Law No. 9/92 on Health Care and Health Insurance dated March 1, 1992;

(e) "MOH" means the Borrower's Ministry of Health (Ministrstvo za zdravstvo);

(f) "NHIC" means the National Health Information Clearinghouse to be established by the Borrower in order to collect, process and provide health information in the Republic of Slovenia;

(g) "PIP" means the manual for the carrying out of the Project prepared and adopted by the Borrower, as the same may be amended from time to time with the agreement of the Bank;

(h) "PMPSU" means the Project Management and Professional Support Unit to be established by the Borrower pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.01 of this Agreement for the purposes of Project management;

(i) "Project Board" means the Project Board established by the Borrower to provide policy guidance, inter-agency coordination and oversight of Project implementation;

(j) "Project Management Report" means each report prepared in accordance with Section 4.02 of this Agreement;

(k) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Part B of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and

(l) "Technical Working Groups" means the working groups established by the Borrower each of which will address an aspect of health sector policy and health information standards.

## 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 this Agreement, an amount equal to nine million Euro (EUR 9,000,000), as such amount may be converted from time to time through a Currency Conversion in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.09 of this Agreement.

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 for expenditures made (or, if the Bank shall so agree, to be made) in respect of the reasonable cost of goods and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan and in respect of the front-end fee referred to in Section 2.04 of this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be June 30, 2004, 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 front-end fee in an amount equal to ninety thousand Euro (EUR 90,000). The Borrower agrees that on or promptly after the Effective Date, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and pay to itself the amount of such fee.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a commitment charge on the principal amount of the Loan not withdrawn from time to time, at a rate equal to: (i) eighty five one-hundredths of one percent (0.85%) per annum from the date on which such charge commences to accrue in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the General Conditions to but not including the fourth anniversary of such date; and (ii) seventy five one-hundredths of one percent (0.75%) per annum thereafter.

Section 2.06. 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 Variable Rate; provided, that upon a Conversion of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, the Borrower shall, during the Conversion Period, pay interest on such amount in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions.

Section 2.07. Interest and commitment charges shall be payable semiannually in arrears on May 15 and November 15 in each year.

Section 2.08. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

Section 2.09. (a) The Borrower may at any time request any of the following Conversions of the terms of the Loan in order to facilitate prudent debt management:

(i) a change of the Loan Currency of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, withdrawn or unwithdrawn, to an Approved Currency; and

(ii) a change of the interest rate basis applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan from a Variable Rate to a Fixed Rate, or vice versa.

(b) Any conversion requested pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section that is accepted by the Bank shall be considered a "Conversion", as defined in Section 2.01 (7) of the General Conditions, and shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions and of the Conversion Guidelines.

## ARTICLE III

### Execution of the Project

Section 3.01. (a) The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project, and, to this end, shall carry out the Project, through the MOH (with the

support of the HIIS), with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate financial, administrative, health and information 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 and except as the Borrower and the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Implementation Program set forth in Schedule 5 to this Agreement.

Section 3.02. Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods and consultants' services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

Section 3.03. For the purposes of Section 9.08 of the General Conditions and without limitation thereto, the Borrower shall:

(a) prepare, on the basis of guidelines acceptable to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank not later than six (6) months before the Closing Date or such later date as may be agreed for this purpose between the Borrower and the Bank, a plan for the future operation of the Project; and

(b) afford the Bank 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 Bank, 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 Account for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with auditing standards acceptable to the Bank, 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 (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 Bank shall have reasonably requested; and

(iii) furnish to the Bank such other information concerning such records and accounts, and the audit thereof, and concerning said auditors, as the Bank may 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 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 and separate accounts reflecting such expenditures;

(ii) retain, until at least one (1) 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 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 Project Management Reports or 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.

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 Bank 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 December 31, 2000, or such later date as the Bank shall agree, to prepare quarterly Project Management Reports, acceptable to the Bank, 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 Loan during the period covered by said report and expenditures proposed to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan 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

(iii) sets forth the status of procurement under the Project and expenditures under contracts financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, as at the end of the period covered by said report.

(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 Bank, and furnish to the Bank not later than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter a Project Management Report for such period.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Remedies of the Bank

Section 5.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (p) of the General Conditions the following additional events are specified:

(a) a situation shall have arisen which shall make it improbable that the Program, or a significant part thereof, will be carried out; and

(b) the PIP shall have been amended, suspended, abrogated or waived without the prior consent of the Bank.

Section 5.02. Pursuant to Section 7.01 (k) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely, that the event specified in paragraph (b) of Section 5.01 of this Agreement shall occur.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Effective Date; Termination

Section 6.01. The following events are specified as additional conditions to the effectiveness of the Loan Agreement within the meaning of Section 12.01 (c) of the General Conditions:

(a) the Borrower has employed, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank, consultants to staff and manage the PMPSU;

(b) the PMPSU has been established and is operating in a manner satisfactory to the Bank;

(c) a financial management system, satisfactory to the Bank, has been established; and

(d) the Borrower has appointed the auditors, satisfactory to the Bank, referred to in Section 4.01 (b) of this Agreement.

Section 6.02. 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 VII

##### Representative of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 7.01. 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 7.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Borrower:

Ministry of Finance  
Ministrstvo za Finance  
Zupanciceva Ulica 3 SI-1000  
Ljubljana Slovenia

Telex:

86231284

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 (MCI) or  
64145 (MCI)

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 City of Ljubljana, Republic of Slovenia, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

By /s/ Mitja Gaspari

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR

RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Roger W. Grawe

Acting Regional Vice President  
Europe and Central Asia

SCHEDULE 1

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Loan A. General

1. The table below sets forth the Categories of items to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, the allocation of the amounts of the Loan to each Category and the percentage of expenditures for items so to be financed in each Category:

Category	Amount of the Loan Allocated (Expressed in Euro)	% of Expenditures to be Financed
(1) Goods	2,800,000	75%
(2) Consultants' services	5,000,000	100%
(3) Fee	90,000	Amount due under Section 2.04 of this Agreement
(4) Unallocated	1,110,000	
TOTAL	9,000,000	

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; and

(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.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawals shall be made in respect of payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement.

4. The Bank may require withdrawals from the Loan Account to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure for expenditures for: (a) contracts for goods costing less than \$200,000 equivalent each; and (b) services under contracts costing less than \$100,000 equivalent each for consulting firms and \$25,000 equivalent each for individual consultants, all under such terms and conditions as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower.

B. Special Account

1. The Borrower shall open and maintain in Euro a special deposit account, in its Central Bank, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Bank.

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

(a) until the Bank 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 Bank 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 1.

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 Bank shall reasonably request, furnish to the Bank 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 Bank shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:

(a) if the Bank 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 Bank determines at any time that all further withdrawals should be made by the Borrower directly from the Loan Account; or

(c) if the Borrower shall have failed to furnish to the Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Loan Account pursuant to Section 6.02 of the General Conditions. Upon such notification, the Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Bank, provide such additional evidence as the Bank may request, or deposit into the Special Account (or, if the Bank shall so request, refund to the Bank) an amount equal to the amount of such payment. Unless the Bank shall otherwise agree, no further deposit by the Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank, refund to the Bank such outstanding amount.

(c) The Borrower may, upon notice to the Bank, refund to the Bank all or any portion of the funds on deposit in the Special Account.

(d) Refunds to the Bank made pursuant to sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this paragraph 6 shall be credited to the Loan Account for subsequent withdrawal or for cancellation in accordance with the provisions of the Loan 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 the amount of EUR 500,000 to be withdrawn



from the Loan Account and deposited into the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Annex; provided, however, that unless the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Authorized Allocation shall be limited to the amount of EUR 250,000 until the aggregate amount of withdrawals from the Loan Account, plus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions shall equal or exceed the equivalent of EUR 1,000,000.

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

(a) For withdrawals of the Authorized Allocation, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank 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 Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan 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 Bank requests for deposit into the Special Account at such intervals as the Bank shall specify. Prior to or at the time of each such request, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank 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 Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan 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 Bank from the Loan Account under one or more of the Eligible Categories.

3. The Bank shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account, once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Loan minus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions shall equal the equivalent of twice the amount of the Authorized Allocation. Thereafter, withdrawal from the Loan Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Loan shall follow such procedures as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower. Such further withdrawals shall be made only after and to the extent that the Bank 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 Bank may otherwise specify by notice to the Borrower, all withdrawals from the Loan Account shall be deposited by the Bank 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 Bank from the Loan Account under one or more of the Special Account's Eligible Categories.

2. Each application for withdrawal from the Loan 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 Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan 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 Bank 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 EUR 1,000,000.

#### SCHEDULE 2

##### Description of the Project

The Project constitutes the first phase of the Program which has the objective of improving performance in the health sector through development of appropriate policies and standards for the sector and a unified national health information management system.

The Project consists of the following parts, subject to such modifications thereof as the Borrower and the Bank may agree upon from time to time to achieve such objectives:

Part A: Health Policy Support

Development and initiation of implementation by the Technical Working Groups of action plans for addressing aspects of health sector policy (including, but not limited to, health care financing, health sector capacity planning, institutional management, public health care network modernization, and diagnostic and therapeutic standards development); all based on an analysis of present regulatory, technical and institutional aspects, reform options, and international experience and best practice and with a view to devising, launching and implementing said action plans.

Part B: Health Information Standards Formulation

Development by the Technical Working Groups of a set of common information standards for the health sector covering among others: (a) subject of care; (b) health characteristics; (c) health care activities; (d) health care resources; and (e) health information systems authorization.

Part C: Health Information Systems Implementation

Establishment of the NHIC as a manager and custodian of health information systems to be developed (based on the standards formulated under Parts A and B of the Project) for connecting health institutions into a nationally integrated health information system.

Part D: Project Management and Professional Support

Establishment, equipping and staffing of the PMPSU and provision to it of technical assistance, including audit services, for purposes of management of Project implementation.

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The Project is expected to be completed by December 31, 2003.

SCHEDULE 3

Amortization Schedule

The following table sets forth the Principal Payment Dates of the Loan and the percentage of the total principal amount of the Loan payable on each Principal Payment Date (Installment Share). If the proceeds of the Loan shall have been fully withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the principal amount of the Loan repayable by the Borrower on each Principal Payment Date shall be determined by the Bank by multiplying: (a) the total principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding as of the first Principal Payment Date; by (b) the Installment Share for each Principal Payment Date, such repayment amount to be adjusted, as necessary, to deduct any amounts referred to in paragraph 5 of this Schedule, to which a Currency Conversion applies.

Payment Date	Installment Share (Expressed as a %)
On each May 15 and November 15 Beginning May 15, 2005 through November 15, 2014	5%

2. If the proceeds of the Loan shall not have been fully withdrawn as of the first

Principal Payment Date, the principal amount of the Loan repayable by the Borrower on each Principal Payment Date shall be determined as follows:

(a) To the extent that any proceeds of the Loan shall have been withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the Borrower shall repay the amount withdrawn and outstanding as of such date in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Schedule.

(b) Any withdrawal made after the first Principal Payment Date shall be repaid on each Principal Payment Date falling after the date of such withdrawal in amounts determined by the Bank by multiplying the amount of each such withdrawal by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the original Installment Share specified in the table in paragraph 1 of this Schedule for said Principal Payment Date (the Original Installment Share) and the denominator of which shall be the sum of all remaining Original Installment Shares for Principal Payment Dates falling on or after such date, such repayment amounts to be adjusted, as necessary, to deduct any amounts referred to in paragraph 4 of this Schedule, to which a Currency Conversion applies.

3. (a) Withdrawals made within two (2) months prior to any Principal Payment Date shall, for the purposes solely of calculating the principal amounts payable on any Principal Payment Date, be treated as withdrawn and outstanding on the second Principal Payment Date following the date of withdrawal and shall be repayable on each Principal Payment Date commencing with the second Principal Payment Date following the date of withdrawal.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph 3, if at any time the Bank shall adopt a due date billing system under which invoices are issued on or after the respective Principal Payment Date, the provisions of such sub-paragraph shall no longer apply to any withdrawals made after the adoption of such billing system.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Schedule, upon a Currency Conversion of all or any portion of the withdrawn principal amount of the Loan to an Approved Currency, the amount so converted in said Approved Currency that shall be repayable on any Principal Payment Date occurring during the Conversion Period, shall be determined by the Bank by multiplying such amount in its currency of denomination immediately prior to said Conversion by either: (i) the exchange rate that reflects the amounts of principal in said Approved Currency payable by the Bank under the Currency Hedge Transaction relating to said Conversion; or (ii) if the Bank so determines in accordance with the Conversion Guidelines, the exchange rate component of the Screen Rate.

5. If the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time shall be denominated in more than one Loan Currency, the provisions of this Schedule shall apply separately to the amount denominated in each Loan Currency, so as to produce a separate amortization schedule for each such amount.

#### SCHEDULE 4

#### Procurement

##### Section I. Procurement of Goods

##### Part A: General

Goods shall be procured in accordance with 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 the following provisions of Section I of this Schedule.

##### Part B: International Competitive Bidding

1. Except as otherwise provided in Part C of this Section, goods shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of Section II of the Guidelines and paragraph 5 of Appendix 1 thereto.

2. The following provisions shall apply to goods 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 goods for information systems shall be grouped in bid packages estimated to cost \$1,000,000 equivalent or more each.

(b) Two-stage bidding procedure

The bidding procedure for contracts for the supply and installation of information technologies shall be carried out in two stages in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.6 of the Guidelines.

(c) Preference for domestically manufactured goods

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.

Part C: Other Procurement Procedures

1. International Shopping

Goods estimated to cost less than \$200,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$400,000 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.

2. National Shopping

Goods estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$150,000 equivalent, may be procured under shopping procedures in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of the Guidelines.

3. Direct Contracting

Goods which must be purchased from the original supplier to be compatible with existing equipment or are of a proprietary nature and costing \$250,000 equivalent or less in the aggregate, may, with the Bank's prior agreement, be procured in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3.7 of the Guidelines.

Part D: Review by the Bank of Procurement Decisions

1. Procurement Planning

Prior to the issuance of any invitations to bid for contracts, the proposed procurement plan for the Project shall be furnished to the Bank for its review and approval, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines. Procurement of all goods shall be undertaken in accordance with such procurement plan as shall have been approved by the Bank, and with the provisions of said paragraph 1.

2. Prior Review

(a) With respect to each contract for goods to be procured in accordance with the procedures referred to in Part B above, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.

(b) With respect to each contract for goods to be procured in accordance with the procedures referred to in Part C.3 above the following procedures shall apply:

(i) prior to the execution of any contract procured under direct contracting procedures, the Borrower shall provide to the Bank a copy of the specifications and the draft contract; and

(ii) 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

Consultants' services shall be procured in accordance with 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 the following provisions of Section II of this Schedule.

##### 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. Quality-based Selection

Services for: (a) the Project manager for the PMPSU under Part D of the Project; (b) the health specialist for the PMPSU under Part D of the Project; and (c) the health informatics specialist for the PMPSU under Part D of the Project, shall be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1 through 3.4 of the Consultant Guidelines.

###### 2. Single Source Selection

Services under Parts A, B and D of the Project which are estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract, may, with the Bank's prior agreement, be procured in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.8 through 3.11 of the Consultant Guidelines.

###### 3. Individual Consultants

Services for technical assistance 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, and, irrespective of the value of the contract, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.5 of Section II of the Consultant Guidelines.

###### 4. Service Delivery Contractors

Services to be provided under Parts A, B and C of the Project may be procured in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Bank.

##### Part D: Review by the Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank, 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.

(b) With respect to each contract for the employment of individual consultants estimated to cost the equivalent of \$25,000 or more, the qualifications, experience, terms of reference and terms of employment of the consultants shall be furnished to the Bank for its prior review and approval. The contract shall be awarded only after the said approval shall have been given.

### 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 Consultant Guidelines shall apply.

## SCHEDULE 5

### Implementation Program

1. The Borrower shall carry out the Project in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in the PIP.

2. The Borrower shall maintain, until completion of the Project, the Project Board with composition and terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank.

3. The Borrower shall maintain, until completion of the Project, the PMPSU with resources, staff and terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank and shall assign to it responsibility for overall Project implementation and coordination, including:

(a) preparation of bidding documents and administration of bidding procedures and of contracts under the Project;

(b) preparation of disbursement applications under the Loan;

(c) management of the Special Account referred to in Schedule 1 to the Loan Agreement;

(d) maintenance of records and accounts related to the Project and arranging for the audit thereof; and

(e) preparation of quarterly progress reports and submission thereof, not later than 30 days after the end of each quarter, to the Borrower and the Bank.

4. The Borrower shall prepare and furnish to the Bank by September 30 in each year, for its review and concurrence, an annual work program for the Project for the following calendar year, including procurement and financing plans.

5. The Borrower shall maintain the Technical Working Groups until completion, satisfactory to the Bank, of each such Group's activities, with resources, composition and terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank.

6. For purposes of Part C of the Project, the Borrower shall:

(a) by December 1, 2000, complete, under terms of reference agreed upon with the Bank, and furnish to the Bank for its review and comments a study of the legal form, structure and functions of the NHIC; and

(b) based on the findings of such study and the Bank's comments thereon, commence by January 1, 2001, the process for the establishment of NHIC in accordance with a time schedule to be agreed upon with the Bank.

7. By December 1, 2000, the Borrower shall establish, and thereafter maintain until completion of the Project, the External Advisory Group, with resources, composition and terms of reference, satisfactory to the Bank.

8. The Borrower shall:

(a) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate on an ongoing basis, in accordance with indicators acceptable to the Bank, the carrying out of the Project and of measures included in the Program and the achievement of the objectives thereof;

(b) prepare, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank, on or about June 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 and the Program 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 Program and the achievement of the objectives thereof during the period following such date; and

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

