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LOAN NUMBER 3247 POL

(Structural Adjustment Loan)

between

REPUBLIC OF POLAND

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated August 31, 1990

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated August 31, 1990, between REPUBLIC OF POLAND (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS (A) the Bank has received a letter dated July 2, 1990, from the Borrower describing a program of actions, objectives and policies designed to achieve structural adjustment of the Borrower's economy (hereinafter called the Program), declaring the Borrower's commitment to the execution of the Program, and requesting assistance from the Bank in the financing of urgently needed imports 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 in two tranches as hereinafter provided;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

General Conditions; Definitions

Section 1.01. The "General Conditions Applicable to Loan and Guarantee Agreements" of the Bank, dated January 1, 1985, with the modifications thereof set forth below (the General Conditions) constitute an integral part of this Agreement:

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

"'Project' means the imports 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."; and

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

Section 1.02. Unless the context otherwise requires, the several terms defined in the General Conditions and in the Preamble to this Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth and the term "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 three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000), being the sum of withdrawals of the proceeds of the Loan, with each withdrawal valued by the Bank as of the date of such withdrawal.

Section 2.02. The amount of the Loan may be withdrawn from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be December 31, 1991 or such later date as the Bank shall establish. The Bank shall promptly notify the Borrower of such later date.

Section 2.04. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a commitment charge at the rate of three-fourths of one percent ($3/4$ of 1%) per annum on the principal amount of the Loan not withdrawn from time to time.

Section 2.05. (a) The Borrower shall pay interest on the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, at a rate for each Interest Period equal to the Cost of Qualified Borrowings determined in respect of the preceding Semester, plus one-half of one percent ($1/2$ of 1%). On each of the dates specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, the Borrower shall pay interest accrued on the principal amount outstanding during the preceding Interest Period, calculated at the rate applicable during such Interest Period.

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

(c) For the purposes of this Section:

- (i) "Interest Period" means a six-month period ending on the date immediately preceding each date specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, beginning with the Interest Period in which this Agreement is signed.
- (ii) "Cost of Qualified Borrowings" means the cost, as reasonably determined by the Bank and expressed as a percentage per annum, of the outstanding borrowings of the Bank drawn down after June 30, 1982, excluding such borrowings or portions thereof as the Bank has allocated to fund: (A) the Bank's investments; and (B) loans which may be made by the Bank after July 1, 1989, bearing interest rates determined otherwise than as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section.
- (iii) "Semester" means the first six months or the second six months of a calendar year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Without limitation or restriction to the foregoing, the Borrower hereby entrusts The National Bank of Poland with responsibility for the preparation of withdrawal applications under the Loan and for the collection of the documents and other evidence to be furnished to the Bank in support of such applications; such withdrawal applications shall to the extent practicable be consolidated so as to apply for withdrawal of aggregate amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 equivalent.

ARTICLE III

Particular Covenants

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

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

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

Section 3.03. (a) The Borrower shall maintain or cause to be maintained 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) evidencing such expenditures;
- (iii) enable the Bank's representatives to examine such records; and
- (iv) ensure that such records and accounts are included in the annual audits referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section and that the report of such audit contains a separate opinion by said auditors as to whether the statements of expenditure submitted during such fiscal year, together with the procedures and internal controls involved in their preparation, can be relied upon to support the related withdrawals.

ARTICLE IV

Additional Event of Suspension

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

ARTICLE V

Termination

Section 5.01. The date 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

Representative of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 6.01. Except as provided in Section 2.08 (a) of this Agreement, the Minister of Finance of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 6.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Borrower:

Ministry of Finance
00-901, Warszawa
ul. Swietokrzyska 12
Republic of Poland

Cable address:

MINF
Poland

Telex:

814386 PL

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:

197688 (TRT),
248423 (RCA),
64145 (WUI) or
82987 (FTCC)

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

REPUBLIC OF POLAND

By /s/ Marek Dabrowski
Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Ian M. Hume
Authorized Representative

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 and services 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 semi-precious stones, unworked or worked
718	718.1	Nuclear reactors, and parts thereof, fuel elements (cartridges), nonirradiated for nuclear reactors
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, excluding, if the currency of the Borrower is also that of another country, expenditures in such currency for goods or services supplied from the territory of such other country;

(c) payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 may be made on account of payments made for expenditures before that date but after May 1, 1990;

(d) expenditures for goods procured under contracts costing less than \$25,000 equivalent;

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

(f) expenditures for goods intended for a military or paramilitary purpose or for luxury consumption.

3. Withdrawals for expenditures under contracts for the procurement of goods estimated to cost less than \$500,000 may be permitted by the Bank upon the basis of statements of expenditure under such terms and conditions as the Bank shall specify.

4. No withdrawal shall be made and no commitment shall be entered into to pay amounts to or on the order of the Borrower in respect of expenditures to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan after the aggregate of the proceeds of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account and the total amount of such commitments shall have reached the equivalent of \$100,000,000 unless the Bank shall be satisfied, after an exchange of views as described in Section 3.01 of this Agreement based on evidence satisfactory to the Bank: (a) with the progress achieved by the Borrower in the carrying out of the Program, and (b) that the actions described in Schedule 4 to this Agreement have been taken.

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

SCHEDULE 2

Amortization Schedule

Date Payment Due	Payment of Principal (expressed in dollars)*
On each February 1 and August 1	
beginning February 1, 1996 through August 1, 2007	12,500,000

* The figure in this column represents the dollar equivalent 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 per- centage per annum) applicable to the Loan on the day of prepayment multiplied by:
Not more than three years before maturity	0.18
More than three years but not more than six years	0.35

before maturity	
More than six years but not more than eleven years before maturity	0.65
More than eleven years but not more than fifteen years before maturity	0.88
More than fifteen years before maturity	1.00

SCHEDULE 3

Procurement

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

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

"2.8 Notification and Advertising

The international community should be notified in a timely manner of the opportunity to bid. This will be done by advertising invitations to apply for inclusion in a bidder's invitation list, to apply for 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 Business; or
- (ii) an advertisement in a newspaper, periodical or technical journal of wide international circulation; or
- (iii) a notice to local representatives of countries and territories referred to in the Guidelines, that are potential suppliers of the goods required."

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

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

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

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

(a) by 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;

(b) by other purchasers, in accordance with established commercial practice, provided that such contracts shall be awarded on the basis of evaluation and comparison of quotations obtained from suppliers from at least two countries, except that direct

contracting procedures acceptable to the Bank may be used where considered appropriate under paragraph 3.5 of the Guidelines; and

(c) by any purchasers, for the supply of commodities, on the basis of evaluation and comparison of quotations obtained from more than one supplier.

3. 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.

4. With respect to each contract referred to in paragraph 2 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.

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

SCHEDULE 4

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

1. Continued maintenance of a macro-economic framework, consistent with objectives of the Program as determined on the basis of indicators acceptable to the Borrower and the Bank.

2. Finalization and submission to the Sejm for adoption of a draft 1991 Central Government Budget (including a public investment plan) which is consistent with the Borrower's objective of rationalizing policies relating to energy and transportation pricing, social programs, public investments and producer and consumer subsidies, including the progressive phasing out of housing subsidies.

3. Adoption of satisfactory action programs for the further demonopolization of economic activities within the food economy, transportation and trade subsectors.

4. Establishment of an agency for industrial restructuring and an agency for enterprise ownership changes and satisfactory adoption of guidelines for enterprise restructuring and privatization.

5. Adoption of legislative and other measures adequate to ensure: (a) the proper supervision of banking institutions on the basis of appropriate prudential regulations; and (b) the application by economic units of appropriate accounting and auditing standards.

6. Completion, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank, of the auditing of the financial statements of at least thirteen banking institutions, and adoption of suitable action plans for the further development and restructuring of at least nine individual commercial banks. The banking institutions and commercial banks, referred to in this paragraph, shall be those selected by agreement between the Borrower and the Bank.

7. Completion of a review, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank, of the provisions of unemployment benefits, and, based on the results of such review, introduction of appropriate revisions to such benefits, with reference to the established poverty limit.

8. Finalization and submission to the Sejm for enactment of a

satisfactory draft law for the consolidation of existing provisions for income tested cash benefits, institutional care and other benefits in kind, and the development and application of an information system adequate to ensure the proper monitoring of the provision and delivery of such benefits in kind.

