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CREDIT NUMBER 2167 MAU

(Public Enterprise Sector Institutional Development and
Technical Assistance Project)

between

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated July 18, 1990

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DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated July 18, 1990, between ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (the Association).

WHEREAS by a Development Credit Agreement of even date herewith between the Borrower and the Association, the Association has agreed to make a credit to the Borrower in support of a program of actions, objectives and policies (hereinafter called the Program) undertaken by the Borrower in order to achieve an adjustment of its public enterprise sector;

WHEREAS 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 further facilitate the implementation of the Program by assisting 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, with the last sentence of Section 3.02 deleted (the General Conditions) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

Section 1.02. Unless the context otherwise requires, the several terms defined in the General Conditions and in the Preamble to this Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth and the following additional terms have the following meanings:

- (a) "BCM" means Banque Centrale de Mauritanie;
- (b) "CRSP" means Cellule de Rehabilitation du Secteur Public;
- (c) "OPT" means Office des Postes et des Telecommunications;
- (d) "PANPA" means Port Autonome de Nouakchott dit Port de l'Amitie;
- (e) "Project Preparation Advance" means the project preparation advance granted by the Association to the Borrower pursuant to exchanges of letters dated January 8 and February 28, 1986, May 8 and June 23, 1986, and July 14 and August 20, 1988, respectively, between the Borrower and the Association;
- (f) "SMCP" means Societe Mauritanienne de Commercialisation du Poisson;
- (g) "SONELEC" means Societe Nationale d'Eau et d'Electricite; and
- (h) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Section 2.02 (b) of 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 seven million seven hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 7,700,000).

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 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) The Borrower shall, for the purposes of the Project, open and maintain in dollars a special deposit account in a commercial bank on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association, including appropriate protection against set-off, seizure or attachment. Deposits into, and payments out of, the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

- (c) 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 cancelled.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be June 30, 1998 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 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 cancelled; and (ii) at the rate set as of the June 30 immediately preceding the accrual date or 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 payment 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) and (c) 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, 2000 and ending June 1, 2030. Each installment to and including the installment payable on June 1, 2010 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 gross national product per capita, as determined by the Association, shall have exceeded \$790 in constant 1985 dollars for five consecutive years; 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 Association and after due consideration by them of the development of the Borrower's economy, modify the terms of repayment of installments under paragraph (a) above by 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. If so requested by the Borrower, the Association may revise such modification 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.

(c) 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.

Section 2.09. (a) The officer in charge of CRSP 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 officer in charge of CRSP with responsibility for the preparation of withdrawal applications under the Credit and for the collection of the documents and other evidence to be furnished to the Association 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 \$100,000 equivalent.

ARTICLE III

Execution of the Project

Section 3.01. 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 through CRSP with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, financial, management and commercial practices, and shall provide, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for the Project.

Section 3.02. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, procurement of the 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. The Borrower shall, not later than September 30, 1990, designate the Department of Employment and the Department of Re-insertion to be responsible for providing counselling and assistance to former employees who are declared redundant as a result of the Program.

Section 3.04. The Borrower shall, not later than December 31 immediately preceding the beginning of each fiscal year, submit to the Association, for review and comments, an annual work plan, giving details of its budgetary proposals and proposed training program, for that fiscal year.

Section 3.05. The Borrower shall, not later than December 31, 1990, recruit a suitably qualified and experienced resident adviser to be responsible to advise CRSP on all issues pertaining to the privatization of public enterprises and related matters.

ARTICLE IV

Financial Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) The Borrower shall maintain or cause to be maintained records and accounts adequate to reflect in accordance with sound accounting practices the operations, resources and expenditures in respect of the Project of the departments or agencies of the Borrower responsible for carrying out the Project or any part thereof.

(b) The Borrower shall:

(i) have the records and accounts referred to in

paragraph (a) of this Section including those for the Special Account for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with appropriate auditing principles 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 copy of the 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 said records, accounts and the audit thereof as the Association shall 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 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 or payment out of the Special 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 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. The Borrower shall cause SONELEC, OPT, Air Mauritanie, SMCP and PANPA to:

(a) have their records, accounts and financial statements (balance sheets, statements of income and expenses and related statements) for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with appropriate auditing principles consistently applied, by independent auditors acceptable to the Association;

(b) 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 for such year as so audited, and (B) the reports of such audits by said auditors, of such scope and in such detail as the Association shall have reasonably requested; and

(c) furnish to the Association such other information concerning such records, accounts, financial statements and the audits thereof as the Association shall from time to time reasonably request.

ARTICLE V

Remedies of the Association

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

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

(b) the Borrower or any other authority having jurisdiction shall have taken any action for the dissolution or disestablishment of SONELEC, OPT, Air Mauritanie, SMCP or PANPA or for the suspension of their operations.

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

ARTICLE VI

Termination

Section 6.01. 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.

Section 6.02. The obligations of the Borrower under Section 4.02 of this Agreement shall cease and determine on the date on which this Agreement shall terminate or upon completion of the Project, whichever shall be the earlier.

ARTICLE VII

Representatives of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 7.01. Except as provided in Section 2.09 (a) of this Agreement, the Minister of Planning and Employment 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 Planning and Employment
B.P. 238
Nouakchott
Islamic Republic of Mauritania
Cable address:

Telex:

MPDI Nouakchott

540 MTN

For the Association:

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

Cable address:

Telex:

INDEVAS
Washington, D.C.

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

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

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

By /s/ Abdellahi Ould Daddah
Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By /s/ Edward V.K. Jaycox
Regional Vice President
Africa

SCHEDULE 1

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Credit

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:

Category	Amount of the Credit Allocated (Expressed in SDR Equivalent)	% of Expenditures to be Financed
(1) Technical Assistance and studies	4,240,000	100%
(2) Training	510,000	100%
(3) Vehicles and equipment	410,000	100%
(4) Operating costs	230,000	50%
(5) Refunding of Project Preparation Advance	970,000	Amounts due pursuant to Section 2.02 (c) of this Agreement
(6) Unallocated	1,340,000	
TOTAL	7,700,000 =====	

2. For the purposes of this Schedule, the term "operating costs" means all incremental costs arising under the Project in respect of local staff salaries and allowances, maintenance of vehicles and equipment, fuel, and office rent, supplies and services.

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.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the Project

The objectives of the Project are to: (a) provide the institutional and technical assistance support that the Borrower requires in order to extend and deepen its adjustment efforts under

the Program; (b) strengthen the Borrower's ability in the long term to devise and implement reforms in the public enterprise sector, and monitor the sector's performance and manage its future development; and (c) with respect to the energy, telecommunications, transport and commerce sectors, (i) help the Borrower better manage the sectors, (ii) encourage the creation of a subsidiary of OPT that would mobilise savings, (iii) help implement a household energy strategy, (iv) attract private companies to explore for petroleum in Mauritania and participate in the insurance and petroleum sub-sectors, (v) put air transportation in the country on a sound financial footing, and (vi) improve the performance of Nouakchott as the main port of entry for goods in the country.

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: General Sector Reform

1. CRSP

(a) Monitoring the performance of the public enterprise sector;

(b) Implementing divestiture measures and other forms of privatisation;

(c) Carrying out external audits of enterprises;

(d) Providing counselling and advice on labour retrenchment; and

(e) Implementing studies both of whole sub-sectors and of selected enterprises.

2. Ministry of Finance

(a) Monitoring the financial performance of enterprises;

(b) Assisting in the financial restructuring of key enterprises;

(c) Managing and expanding the information system developed to date on the public enterprise sector; and

(d) Training for the above activities.

Part B: Support to the Energy Sector

1. SONELEC

Strengthening the institutional capability of SONELEC, including training.

2. Directorate of Energy

(a) Implementation of a household energy strategy;

(b) Promotion of improved charcoal and kerosene stoves; and

(c) Promotion of gas for household cooking.

Part C: Support to the Mining Sector

(a) Assisting with seismic data processing, data reinter-pretation and reprocessing; and

(b) Promotion of petroleum exploration.

Part D: Support to Ministry of Commerce

Strengthening the institutional capacity of the Commerce Department to follow-up and supervise programs designed to eliminate

monopolies and liberalise prices.

Part E: Support to OPT

Updating of the rehabilitation plan of OPT, preparation of a performance contract and completion of the introduction of a new computerized budgeting and accounting system, including full separation of accounts between the postal checking services and the national savings bank.

Part F: Support to Air Mauritanie

Implementation of rehabilitation plan of Air Mauritanie and preparation of a performance contract.

Part G: Support to PANPA

Strengthening the management of the port.

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The Project is expected to be completed by December 31, 1997.

SCHEDULE 3

Procurement and Consultants' Services

Section I. Procurement of Goods and Works

Part A: International Competitive Bidding

1. Except as provided in Part C hereof, goods shall be procured under contracts awarded 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).

2. To the extent practicable, contracts for vehicles, equipment, and materials shall be grouped into bid packages estimated to cost the equivalent of \$50,000 or more.

Part B: Preference for Domestic Manufacturers

In the procurement of goods in accordance with the procedures described in Part A.2 hereof, goods manufactured in Mauritania may be granted a margin of preference in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of paragraphs 2.55 and 2.56 of the Guidelines and paragraphs 1 through 4 of Appendix 2 thereto.

Part C: Other Procurement Procedures

Items or groups of items estimated to cost less than the equivalent of \$50,000 per contract, up to an aggregate amount equivalent to \$250,000, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of comparison of price quotations obtained from at least three suppliers eligible under the Guidelines, in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Association.

Part D: Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions

1. Review of invitations to bid and of proposed awards and final contracts:

(a) With respect to each contract estimated to cost the equivalent of \$50,000 or more, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 and 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply. Where payments for such contract are to be made out of the Special Account, such procedures shall be modified to ensure that the two conformed copies of the contract required to be furnished to the Association pursuant to said paragraph 2 (d) shall be furnished to the Association prior to the making of the first payment out of the Special Account in respect of such contract.

(b) With respect to each contract not governed by the preceding paragraph, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply. Where payments for such contract are to be made out of the Special Account, such procedures shall be modified to ensure that the two conformed copies of the contract together with the other information required to be furnished to the Association pursuant to said paragraph 3 shall be furnished to the Association as part of the evidence to be furnished pursuant to paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

(c) The provisions of the preceding subparagraph (b) shall not apply to contracts on account of which the Association has authorized withdrawals on the basis of statements of expenditure.

2. The figure of 10% is hereby specified for purposes of paragraph 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines.

Section II. Employment of Consultants

In order to assist the Borrower in carrying out the Project, the Borrower shall employ consultants whose qualifications, experience and terms and conditions of employment shall be satisfactory to the Association. Such consultants shall be selected in accordance with principles and procedures satisfactory to the Association on the basis of the "Guidelines for the Use of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers and by the World Bank as Executing Agency" published by the Bank in August 1981.

SCHEDULE 4

Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories (1) through (5) set forth in the table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement;

(b) the term "eligible expenditures" means expenditures in respect of the reasonable cost of goods and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit allocated from time to time to the eligible Categories in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and

(c) the term "Authorized Allocation" means an amount equivalent to \$500,000 to be withdrawn from the Credit Account and deposited in the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of this Schedule.

2. Payments out of the Special Account shall be made exclusively for eligible expenditures in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule.

3. After the Association has received evidence satisfactory to it that the Special Account has been duly opened, 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 Association a request or requests for a deposit or deposits which do not exceed the aggregate amount of the Authorized Allocation. On the basis of such request or requests, the Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit Account and deposit in the Special Account such amount or amounts as the Borrower shall have requested.

(b) (i) For replenishment of the Special Account, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association requests for deposits into the Special Account at such intervals as the Association shall specify.

- (ii) 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 paragraph 4 of this Schedule 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.

All such deposits shall be withdrawn by the Association from the Credit Account under the respective eligible Categories, and in the respective equivalent amounts, as shall have been justified by said documents and other evidence.

4. 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.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Schedule, the Association shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:

- (a) if, at any time, the Association shall have determined that all further withdrawals should be made by the Borrower directly from the Credit Account in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and paragraph (a) of Section 2.02 of this Agreement; or

- (b) once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Credit allocated to the eligible Categories, less the amount of any outstanding special commitment entered into by the Association pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions with respect to the Project, shall equal the equivalent of twice the amount of the Authorized Allocation.

Thereafter, withdrawal from the Credit Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Credit allocated to the eligible Categories 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.

6. (a) If the Association shall have determined at any time that any payment out of the Special Account: (i) was made for an expenditure or in an amount not eligible pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule; or (ii) was not justified by the evidence furnished to the Association, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association: (A) provide such additional evidence as the Association may request; or (B) 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 or the portion thereof not so eligible or justified. 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 shall have determined at any time that any amount outstanding in the Special Account will not be required to cover further payments for eligible expenditures, 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 paragraphs 6 (a), (b) and (c) of this Schedule shall be credited to the Credit Account for subsequent withdrawal or for cancellation in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Agreement, including the General Conditions.

