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LOAN NUMBER 4213 RO

Loan Agreement

(School Rehabilitation Project)

between

ROMANIA

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated October 2, 1997

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated October 2, 1997 between ROMANIA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS (A) the Borrower, having satisfied itself as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, has requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) the Borrower intends to contract from the Council of Europe Social Development Fund (CESDF) a loan (the CESDF Loan) in an aggregate amount equivalent to thirteen million eight hundred thousand Dollars (\$13,800,000) to assist in financing Part A of the Project on the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement (the CESDF Loan Agreement) to be entered into between the Borrower and CESDF; 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" of the Bank, dated January 1, 1985, with the modifications set forth below (the General Conditions), constitute an integral part of this Agreement:

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

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

"Except as the Bank and the Borrower shall otherwise agree, no withdrawals shall be made: (a) on account of expenditures in the territories of any country which is not a member of the Bank or for goods produced in, or services supplied from, such territories; or (b) for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of the Bank, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations."

(c) In Section 6.02, subparagraph (k) is relettered as subparagraph (l) and a new subparagraph (k) is added to read:

"(k) An extraordinary situation shall have arisen under which any further withdrawals under the Loan would be inconsistent with the provisions of Article III, Section 3 of the Bank's Articles of Agreement."

(d) Section 6.03 is modified to read:

"Section 6.03. Cancellation by the Bank. If (a) the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Loan Account shall have been suspended with respect to any amount of the Loan for a continuous period of thirty days, or (b) at any time, the Bank determines, after consultation with the Borrower, that an amount of the Loan will not be required to finance the Project's costs to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, or (c) at any time, the Bank determines, with respect to any contract to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, that corrupt or fraudulent practices were engaged in by representatives of the Borrower or of a beneficiary of the Loan during the procurement or the execution of such contract, without the Borrower having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Bank to remedy the situation, and establishes the amount of expenditures in respect of such contract which would otherwise have been eligible for financing out of the proceeds of the Loan, or (d) at any time, the Bank determines that the procurement of any contract to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan is inconsistent with the procedures set forth or referred to in the Loan Agreement and establishes the amount of expenditures in respect of such contract which would otherwise have been eligible for financing out of the proceeds of the Loan, or (e) after the Closing Date, an amount of the Loan shall remain unwithdrawn from the Loan Account, or (f) the Bank shall have received notice from the Guarantor pursuant to Section 6.07 with respect to an amount of the Loan, the Bank may, by notice to the Borrower and the Guarantor, terminate the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals with respect to such amount. Upon the giving of such notice, such amount of the Loan shall be cancelled."

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

(a) "MOE" means the Borrower's Ministry of Education; and

(b) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Section 2.02 (b) of this Agreement.

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 present Loan Agreement, various currencies that shall have an aggregate value equivalent to the amount of seventy million Dollars (\$70,000,000), 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. (a) 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 described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan.

(b) The Borrower may, 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 Bank, including appropriate protection against set-off, seizure and attachment. Deposits into, and payments out of, the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 5 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be January 31, 2003, 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 June 15 and December 15 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 3 to this Agreement.

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 MOE (as the implementing agency) with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, financial, economic, engineering and environmental practices, and shall provide, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for the Project.

Section 3.02. Except as the Bank 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 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 after 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.

Section 3.04. The Borrower shall:

(a) follow the criteria and procedures, and the design standards, agreed with the Bank, with respect to: (i) the rehabilitation, upgrading and furnishing of the schools under Part A of the Project; and (ii) the prioritization of the rehabilitation, upgrading and furnishing of such schools; and

(b) submit to the Bank, for its approval, any proposed modifications to said criteria, procedures and design standards, before such modifications are introduced.

Section 3.05. The Borrower shall:

(a) by April 30, 2000, submit to the Bank, for its review, a draft study with recommendations on alternative efficient allocation methods for pre-university school maintenance expenditures;

(b) immediately thereafter, finalize said study and the recommendations thereof, taking into consideration the Bank's comments thereon; and

(c) carry out the recommendations of said study in accordance with their terms.

Section 3.06. The Borrower shall take all necessary measures on its part to ensure that:

(a) every fiscal year, starting from the Borrower's fiscal year 2001, budgetary allocations allow adequate maintenance of the schools rehabilitated, upgraded and furnished under Part A of the Project; and

(b) such budgetary allocations are utilized for their intended purpose.

Section 3.07. 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 the achievement of the objectives thereof;

(b) prepare, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank, on or about April 30, 2000, a report integrating the results of the monitoring and evaluation activities performed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section, on the progress achieved in the carrying out of the Project during the period preceding the date of said report and setting out the measures recommended to ensure the efficient carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof during the period following such date; and

(c) review with the Bank, by August 31, 2000, 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 completion of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof, based on the conclusions and recommendations of the said report and the Bank views on the matter.

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 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, 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 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.

ARTICLE V

Remedies of the Bank

Section 5.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (1) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely that:

(a) subject to paragraph (b) of this Section:

(i) the right of the Borrower to withdraw the proceeds of any grant or loan made to the Borrower for the financing of the Project shall have been suspended, cancelled or terminated in whole or in part, pursuant to the terms of the agreement providing therefor;

(ii) any such loan shall have become due and payable prior to the agreed maturity thereof.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this Section shall not apply if the Borrower establishes to the satisfaction of the Bank that:

(i) such suspension, cancellation, termination or prematuring is not caused by the failure of the Borrower to perform any of its obligations under such agreement; and

(ii) adequate funds for the Project are available to the Borrower from other sources on terms and conditions consistent with the obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement.

Section 5.02. Pursuant to Section 7.01 (h) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely that the event specified in Section 5.01 (a) (ii) of this Agreement shall occur subject to the proviso of Section 5.01 (b) of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

Effective Date; Termination

Section 6.01. The following event is specified as an additional condition to the effectiveness of the Loan Agreement within the meaning of Section 12.01 (c) of the General Conditions, namely that the CESDF Loan Agreement has been executed and delivered and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness or to the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals thereunder, except only the effectiveness of the present Loan Agreement, have been fulfilled.

Section 6.02. The date one hundred twenty (120) 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

17 Apolodor Street
Bucharest
Romania

Telex:

11230

For the Bank:

International Bank for
Reconstruction and Development
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Cable address:

Telex:

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Washington, D.C.

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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 District of Columbia, United States of America, as of the day and year first above written.

ROMANIA

By /s/ Mircea Geoana

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Laura Tuck

Acting Regional Vice President
Europe and Central Asia

SCHEDULE 1

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Loan

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 Dollar Equivalent)	% of Expenditures to be Financed
(1) Works under Part A of the Project	50,000,000	69% until December 31, 1999, and 47% thereafter
(2) Goods:		
(a) School Furniture under Part A of	4,000,000	74%

the Project

(b)	Equipment and Vehicles under Part B of the Project	400,000	100% of foreign expenditures, 100% of local expenditures (ex-factory cost) and 82% of local expenditures for other items procured locally
(3)	Consultants' Services and Training		
(a)	Consultants' Services	7,300,000	100% of foreign expenditures and 82% of local expenditures
(b)	Training	200,000	100%
(4)	Unallocated	8,100,000	
	TOTAL	70,000,000 =====	

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 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 and works costing less than \$300,000 equivalent each; and (b) contracts costing less than \$100,000 equivalent each for the employment of consulting firms, and \$50,000 equivalent each for the employment of individual consultants, under such terms and conditions as the Bank shall specify by notice to the Borrower.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the Project

The objectives of the Project are to: (a) rehabilitate, upgrade and furnish pre-university schools, thereby restoring safety of school buildings in imminent danger of collapse, and mitigating the educational disadvantages to students occupying such schools; and (b) improve MOE's institutional capacity at the national and district levels to plan, develop and maintain the public educational physical plant.

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: School Rehabilitation

Provision of goods, works and consultants' services for the rehabilitation, upgrading and furnishing of about nine hundred (900) pre-university schools.

Part B: Institutional Capacity Improvement

Provision of goods, consultants' services and training to assist the Borrower in improving MOE's capacity, at the national and district levels, to: (a) plan, implement and manage the Borrower's school development and rehabilitation program; and (b) manage and maintain the public educational physical facilities.

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The Project is expected to be completed by July 31, 2002.

SCHEDULE 3

Amortization Schedule

Date Payment Due	Payment of Principal (expressed in Dollars)*
December 15, 2002	1,390,000
June 15, 2003	1,435,000
December 15, 2003	1,485,000
June 15, 2004	1,535,000
December 15, 2004	1,585,000
June 15, 2005	1,640,000
December 15, 2005	1,695,000
June 15, 2006	1,750,000
December 15, 2006	1,810,000
June 15, 2007	1,870,000
December 15, 2007	1,930,000
June 15, 2008	1,995,000
December 15, 2008	2,065,000
June 15, 2009	2,135,000
December 15, 2009	2,205,000
June 15, 2010	2,280,000
December 15, 2010	2,355,000
June 15, 2011	2,435,000
December 15, 2011	2,515,000
June 15, 2012	2,600,000
December 15, 2012	2,685,000
June 15, 2013	2,775,000
December 15, 2013	2,870,000
June 15, 2014	2,965,000
December 15, 2014	3,065,000
June 15, 2015	3,165,000
December 15, 2015	3,275,000
June 15, 2016	3,385,000
December 15, 2016	3,495,000
June 15, 2017	3,610,000

Premiums on Prepayment

Pursuant to Section 3.04 (b) of the General Conditions, the premium payable on the principal amount of any maturity of the Loan to be prepaid shall be the percentage specified for the applicable time of prepayment below:

Time of Prepayment	Premium
	The interest rate (expressed as a percentage per annum) applicable to the Loan on the day of prepayment multiplied by:
Not more than three years before maturity	0.15
More than three years but	0.30

not more than six years before maturity	
More than six years but not more than eleven years before maturity	0.55
More than eleven years but not more than sixteen years before maturity	0.80
More than sixteen years but not more than eighteen years before maturity	0.90
More than eighteen years before maturity	1.00

SCHEDULE 4

Procurement and Consultants' Services

Section I. Procurement of Good and Works

Part A: General

Goods and works 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 (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 and works 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 and works to be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Part B.

(a) 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.

(b) Notification and Advertising

The invitation to prequalify or bid for each contract estimated to cost \$10,000,000 equivalent or more shall be advertised in accordance with the procedures applicable to large contracts under paragraph 2.8 of the Guidelines.

Part C: Other Procurement Procedures

1. National Competitive Bidding

Works estimated to cost less than \$1,000,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$92,500,000 equivalent (such amount including the maximum aggregate amount for works that may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of Part C.5 of this Schedule), and goods under Category 2 (a) of Schedule 1 to this Agreement estimated to cost less than \$300,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 equivalent (such amount including the maximum aggregate amount for goods under Category 2 (a) of Schedule 1 to this Agreement that may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of Part C.3 of this Schedule), may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of the Guidelines.

2. International Shopping

Goods under Category 2 (b) of Schedule 1 to this Agreement estimated to cost less than \$300,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$300,000 equivalent, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of international shopping procedures in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of the Guidelines.

3. National Shopping

Goods under Category 2 (a) of Schedule 1 to this Agreement estimated to cost less than \$30,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 equivalent (such amount being included in the maximum aggregate amount for goods under Category 2 (a) of Schedule 1 to this Agreement that may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of Part C.1 of this Schedule), and goods under Category 2 (b) of Schedule 1 to this Agreement estimated to cost less than \$30,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$100,000 equivalent, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of national shopping procedures in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of the Guidelines.

4. Direct Contracting

Computer programs, books and other goods, which are of proprietary nature and cost \$100,000 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.

5. Procurement of Small Works

Works estimated to cost less than \$70,000 equivalent per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 equivalent (such amount being included in the maximum aggregate amount for works that may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of Part C.1 of this Schedule), may be procured under lump-sum, fixed-price contracts awarded on the basis of quotations obtained from three (3) qualified domestic contractors in response to a written invitation. The invitation shall include a detailed description of the works, including basic specifications, the required completion date, a basic form of agreement acceptable to the Bank, and relevant drawings, where applicable. The award shall be made to the contractor who offers the lowest price quotation for the required work, and who has the experience and resources to complete the contract successfully.

Part D: Review by the Bank of Procurement Decisions

1. Procurement Planning

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

2. Prior Review

(a) With respect to: (i) contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of Section I, Part B of this Schedule; (ii) the first contract for works, for each district, awarded in accordance with the provisions of Section I, Part C.1 of this Schedule; and (iii) the first contract for goods awarded in accordance with the provisions of Section I, Part C.1 of this Schedule, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply.

(b) With respect to the first contract awarded in accordance with the provisions of Section I, Part C.2 of this Schedule, the following procedures shall apply:

- (i) prior to the selection of any supplier under international

shopping procedures, the Borrower shall provide to the Bank a report on the comparison and evaluation of quotations received; 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 (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. Selection Under a Fixed Budget

Services under Part B (a) of the Project, other than those for mapping specialists, project management specialists, procurement specialists and maintenance management specialists, may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1 and 3.5 of the Consultant Guidelines.

2. Single Source Selection

Services for training, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$200,000 equivalent, 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 mapping specialists, project management specialists, procurement specialists and maintenance management specialists 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.

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 the first contract, for each district, and each contract estimated to cost the equivalent of \$100,000 or more, for the employment of consulting firms for architectural and engineering services, 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 consulting firms for auditing, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 1, 2 (other than the second subparagraph of paragraph 2 (a)) and 5 of Appendix 1 to the Consultant Guidelines shall apply.

(c) With respect to the first three contracts for the employment of individual consultants, 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

Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories (1), (2) and (3) 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 Loan 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 \$5,000,000 to be withdrawn from the Loan Account and deposited into the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of this Schedule, provided, however, that, unless the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Authorized Allocation shall be limited to an amount equivalent to \$2,500,000 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 be equal to or exceed the equivalent of \$5,000,000.

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 Bank 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 Bank a request or requests for deposit into the Special Account of an amount or amounts which do not exceed the aggregate amount of the Authorized Allocation. On the basis of such request or requests, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and deposit into 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 Bank requests for deposits into the Special Account at such intervals as the Bank shall specify.

(ii) 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 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 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. All such deposits shall be withdrawn by the Bank from the Loan 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 Bank shall reasonably request, furnish to the Bank 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 Bank shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:

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

(b) 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 the records and accounts for the Special Account;

(c) 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 the provisions of Section 6.02 of the General Conditions; or

(d) once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories, minus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Bank 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 Loan Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories 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.

6. (a) If the Bank 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 Bank, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Bank: (A) provide such additional evidence as the Bank may request; or (B) 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 or the portion thereof not so eligible or justified. 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 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 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 paragraphs 6 (a), (b) and (c) of this Schedule shall be credited to the Loan Account for subsequent withdrawal or for cancellation in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Agreement, including the General Conditions.



