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LOAN NUMBER 4121-BR

Guarantee Agreement

(Rural Poverty Alleviation Project - Piauí)

between

FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated June 18, 1997

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GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated June 18, 1997 between FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL (the Guarantor) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS (A) the Guarantor and State of Piauí (the Borrower), having been satisfied as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 2 to the Loan Agreement, have requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project; and

(B) by the Loan Agreement of even date herewith between the Bank and the Borrower, the Bank has agreed to extend to the Borrower a loan in various currencies equivalent to thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, but only on condition that the Guarantor agree to guarantee certain obligations of the Borrower in respect of such loan as provided in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Guarantor, in consideration of the Bank's entering into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower, has agreed so to guarantee such obligations of the Borrower;

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 in Section 1.01 of the Loan Agreement (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 Section 1.02 of the Loan Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth.

ARTICLE II

Guarantee

Section 2.01. Without limitation or restriction upon any of its other obligations under this Agreement, the Guarantor hereby unconditionally guarantees, as primary obligor and not as surety merely, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and interest and other charges on, the Loan, and the premium, if any, on the prepayment of the Loan, all as set forth in the Loan Agreement.

ARTICLE III

Representatives of the Guarantor; Addresses

Section 3.01. The Minister of Finance of the Guarantor is designated as representative of the Guarantor for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 3.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Guarantor:

Ministério da Fazenda Procuradoria Geral da Fazenda Nacional Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco "P" - 80 andar 70048-900 Brasília, D.F. Brazil

Cable address: Telex:

MEFP 61-1506 MFAZ BR

Brasília Brazil

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:

INTBAFRAD 248423 (MCI) or Washington, D.C. 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 Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, as of the day and year

first above written.

FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

By /s/ Paulo Tarso Flecha de lima

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Shahid Javed Burki

Regional Vice President Latin America and the Caribbean