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CREDIT NUMBER 2673 MLI

Development Credit Agreement

(Education Sector Adjustment Credit)

between

REPUBLIC OF MALI

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated January 12, 1995

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DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated January 12, 1995, between REPUBLIC OF MALI (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (the Association).

WHEREAS: (A) the Association has received a letter dated December 6, 1994, from the Borrower (hereinafter called the Letter) describing a program of actions, objectives and policies designed to achieve structural reforms in the Borrower's education sector (hereinafter called the Program), declaring the Borrower's commitment to the execution of the Program, and requesting assistance from the Association in the financing of urgently needed imports required during such execution; and

(B) on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, the Association has decided in support of the Program to provide such assistance to the Borrower by making the Credit 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 Development Credit Agreements" of the Association, 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 9, shall be modified to read:

"'Project' means the imports and other activities that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit pursuant to the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Development Credit Agreement.";

(b) Section 9.06 (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 Association, the Borrower shall prepare and furnish to the Association a report, of such scope and in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request, on the execution of the Program referred to in the Preamble to the Development Credit Agreement, the performance by the Borrower and the Association of their respective obligations under the Development Credit Agreement and the accomplishment of the purposes of the Credit."; 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 following additional terms have the following meanings:

(a) "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); and

(b) "CFAF" means the currency of the Borrower.

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 thirty-four million three hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 34,300,000).

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 The amount of the Credit may be withdrawn from the Credit Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be December 31, 1996 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 (60) 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 and service charges shall be payable semiannually on April 15 and October 15 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 semiannual installments payable on each April 15 and October 15, commencing April 15, 2005 and ending October 15, 2034. Each installment to and including the installment payable on October 15, 2014 shall be one percent (1%) of such 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 French Republic is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 4.02 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE III

Particular Covenants

Section 3.01. (a) The Borrower and the Association shall from time to time, at the request of either party, exchange

views on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program.

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

Section 3.02. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

Section 3.03. Without limitation upon the provisions of Article IX of the General Conditions, the Borrower shall:

(a) prepare and furnish to the Association not later than six (6) months after the Closing Date or such other date as may be agreed for this purpose between the Borrower and the Association, a plan, in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request, designed to ensure the continued achievement of the objectives of the Program;

(b) afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Borrower on said plan; and

(c) thereafter, carry out said plan with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with appropriate practices, taking into account the Association's comments thereon.

Section 3.04. (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 Credit.

(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 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 and 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 Association has received the audit report for the fiscal year in which the last withdrawal from the Credit 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 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 (h) 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

Effective Date; Termination

Section 5.01. The following event is specified as additional conditions to the effectiveness of the Development Credit Agreement within the meaning of Section 12.01 (b) of the General Conditions, namely, that the Borrower has furnished to the Association evidence satisfactory to the Association showing that a double-shift teaching system has been implemented for the 1994/1995 academic year in: (a) thirty percent (30%) of the first grade primary education classrooms, and (b) fifteen percent (15%) of the second grade primary education classrooms.

Section 5.02. The date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 12.04 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE VI

Representatives of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 6.01. 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 6.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Borrower:

Ministere des Finances
et du Commerce
Bamako
Mali

Telex:

2559

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.

REPUBLIC OF MALI

By /s/ Siragatou Ibrahim Cisse
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. Subject to the provisions set forth or referred to in this Schedule, the proceeds of the Credit may be withdrawn from the Credit Account for expenditures made (or, if the Association shall so agree, to be made) in respect of the reasonable cost of goods 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 Association 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 semiprecious stones, unworked or worked

Group	Subgroup	Description of Items
718	718.1	Nuclear reactors, and parts thereof, fuel elements (cartridges), nonirradiated for nuclear reactors
728	728.43	Tobacco processing machinery
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 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 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 exceeding the equivalent of SDR 13,700,000 may be made on account of payments made for such expenditures before that date but after July 12, 1994;

(d) expenditures for goods procured under contracts costing less than \$5,000 equivalent;

(e) expenditures for goods supplied under a contract which any national or international financing institution or agency other than the Association 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 \$1,000,000 may be required by the Association upon the basis of statements of expenditure under such terms and conditions as the Association 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 Credit after the aggregate of the proceeds of the Credit withdrawn from the Credit Account and the total amount of such commitments shall have reached the equivalent of SDR 20,500,000, unless the Association shall be satisfied, after an exchange of views as described in Section 3.01 of this Agreement based on evidence satisfactory to the Association:

(a) with the progress achieved by the Borrower in the carrying out of the Program, (b) that the macro-economic framework of the Borrower is consistent with the objective of the Program, and (c) that the actions described in Schedule 3 to this Agreement have been taken.

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

SCHEDULE 2

Procurement

1. Contracts for the procurement of goods estimated to cost the equivalent of \$1,000,000 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 1992 (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 Forum, Business Edition; 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.

(d) For fixed price contracts, the invitation to bid referred to in paragraph 2.13 of the Guidelines shall provide that, when contract award is delayed beyond the original bid validity period, the successful bidder's bid price will be increased for each week of delay by two predisclosed correction factors acceptable to the Association, one to be applied to all foreign currency components and the other to the local currency component of the bid price. Such an increase shall not be taken into account in the bid evaluation.

(e) In the procurement of goods in accordance with this paragraph 1, the Borrower shall use the relevant standard bidding documents issued by the Bank, with such modifications thereto as the Association shall have agreed to be necessary for the purposes of the Project. Where no relevant standard bidding documents have been issued by the Bank, the Borrower shall use bidding documents based on other internationally recognized standard forms agreed with the Association.

2. Contracts for the procurement of goods estimated to cost the equivalent of less than \$1,000,000 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 Association; and

(b) by other purchasers, in accordance with established commercial practice, provided that such contracts shall be awarded on the basis of evaluation comparison of two quotations obtained from suppliers from at least two countries, except that direct contracting procedures acceptable to the Association may be used where considered appropriate under paragraph 3.5 of the Guidelines.

3. Contracts for the procurement of proprietary equipment or standardized equipment required for compatibility with existing equipment, estimated to cost the equivalent of less than \$100,000 per contract, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed the equivalent of \$2,000,000, shall be awarded through direct contracting, in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Association.

4. With respect to each contract referred to in paragraph 1 of this Schedule, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association, prior to the submission to the Association of the first application for withdrawal of funds from the Credit 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 Association shall reasonably request.

5. With respect to each contract referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Schedule, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association, prior to the submission to the Association of the first application for withdrawal of funds from the Credit Account in respect thereof, such documentation and information as the Association may reasonably request to support withdrawal applications in respect of such contract.

6. The provisions of the preceding paragraph 5 of this Schedule shall not apply to contracts on account of which withdrawals from the Credit Account are to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure.

7. All goods to be imported for the execution of the Program shall be subject to preshipment inspection for price, quantity and quality verification by a suitably qualified and experienced preinspection firm, provided, however, that goods to be procured under paragraph 1 of this Schedule shall be exempted from preshipment price inspection.

SCHEDULE 3

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

1. The Borrower has implemented, for the 1995/1996 academic year, a double-shift teaching system in at least 30 percent of the first and second grade classrooms, and 15 percent of the third-grade classrooms;

2. For the 1995/1996 academic year, the Borrower has: (a) applied the system provided for in the Borrower's Arretes Numbers 10494 and 10496 of December 5, 1994 for access to secondary and higher education, and (b) implemented a system, satisfactory to the Association, for access to the seventh grade of the second cycle of basic education, based on enrollment capacity and academic performance;

3. The Borrower has furnished to the Association evidence satisfactory to the Association showing that the provisions on scholarship included in Decret Number 94/331-PRM of October 25, 1994 have been applied in the upper secondary and higher education cycles.

4. The Borrower has: (a) maintained its budgetary allocation for scholarships, for the 1995/96 academic year, at a level not exceeding that of 1994, in nominal terms; and (b) allocated sufficient funds, in its 1996 budget, for the implementation, during the Borrower's 1996 fiscal year, of measures listed in the Letter.

5. The Borrower has: (a) redeployed, before the start of the 1995/1996 academic year, at least 300 teachers from administrative to teaching positions in primary education; (b) recruited at least 300 additional temporary teachers (vacataires), and appointed 70 additional pedagogical advisers; (c) completed a study on school accommodation schedules and teaching load; (d) based on the conclusions and recommendations of said study, adopted an action plan acceptable to the Association for the implementation of the recommendations of said study; and (e) thereafter, implemented measures included in said action plan for the 1995/1996 academic year.

6. The Borrower has: (a) adopted an action plan acceptable to the Association for the establishment of a national university, and (b) obtained the Council of Ministers' approval of all measures necessary on its part for adoption of legislative and regulatory reforms required for the implementation of said action plan.

7. The Borrower has: (a) adopted an action plan acceptable to the Association for the reduction of the repetition rate in primary education, and (b) implemented measures included in said action plan for the 1995/1996 academic year.

