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LOAN NUMBER 2976 AL

(Second Railway Project)

between

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION  
AND DEVELOPMENT

and

SOCIETE NATIONALE DES TRANSPORTS FERROVIAIRES

Dated August 30, 1989

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated August 30, 1989, between INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank) and SOCIETE NATIONALE DES TRANSPORTS FERROVIAIRES (the Borrower).

WHEREAS (A) the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria (the Guarantor) and the Borrower, having been satisfied as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, have requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) by an agreement (the Guarantee Agreement) of even date herewith between the Guarantor and the Bank, the Guarantor has agreed to guarantee the obligations of the Borrower in respect of the Loan and to undertake such other obligations as set forth in the Guarantee Agreement;

(C) the Borrower intends to contract from the Export-Import Bank of Japan a loan (the EXIMBANK Loan) in an amount equivalent to about \$47,000,000 to assist in financing part of the Project on the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement (the EXIMBANK Loan Agreement) to be entered into between the Borrower and the Export-Import Bank of Japan; 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 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) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Section 2.02 (b) of this Agreement; and

(b) "DA" means Algerian Dinars.

#### ARTICLE II

##### The Loan

Section 2.01. The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in the Loan Agreement, an amount in various currencies equivalent to one hundred forty three million dollars (\$143,000,000).

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 and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan.

(b) The Borrower shall, for the purposes of the Project, open and maintain in dollars a special account in the Central Bank of Algeria on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Bank. 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 December 31, 1992, or such later date as the Bank shall establish. The Bank shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Guarantor 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 per cent ( $3/4$  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 per annum for each Interest Period equal to one-half of one percent per annum above the Cost of Qualified Borrowings for the last Semester ending prior to the commencement of such Interest Period.

(b) As soon as practicable after the end of each Semester, the Bank shall notify the Guarantor and the Borrower of the Cost of Qualified Borrowings for such Semester.

(c) For purposes of this Section:

(i) "Interest Period" means the six-month period commencing on each date specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement, including the Interest Period in which this Agreement is signed.

(ii) "Cost of Qualified Borrowings" means the cost of the outstanding borrowings of the Bank drawn down after June 30, 1982, expressed as a percentage per annum, as reasonably determined by the Bank.

- (iii) "Semester" means the first six months or the second six months of 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 with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, financial, engineering and railway practices, all in accordance with an action plan agreed upon between the Bank and the Borrower, 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. In order to carry out Part B.1 of the Project, the Borrower shall:

(a) not later than December 1, 1989, or such later date as mutually agreed between the Borrower and the Bank, employ consultants in accordance with the provisions of Section II of Schedule 4 to this Agreement, to assist the Borrower in designing a cost accounting system for railway operations and tariffs;

(b) not later than December 1, 1990, furnish the proposed system, together with a time schedule for its implementation to the Bank for its review and comments; and

(c) implement said system in accordance with said time schedule, taking into consideration the Bank's comments thereon.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Management and Operations of the Borrower

Section 4.01. The Borrower shall carry on its operations and conduct its affairs in accordance with sound administrative, financial and transport practices under the supervision of qualified and experienced management assisted by competent staff in adequate numbers.

Section 4.02. The Borrower shall at all times operate and maintain its plants, machinery, equipment and other property, and from time to time, promptly as needed, make all necessary repairs and renewals thereof, all in accordance with sound engineering, financial, economic and transport practices.

Section 4.03. The Borrower shall make provisions satisfactory to the Bank for insurance against such risks and in such amounts as shall be consistent with appropriate practice.

### ARTICLE V

#### Financial Covenants

Section 5.01. (a) The Borrower shall maintain records and accounts adequate to reflect in accordance with sound accounting practices its operations and financial condition.

(b) The Borrower shall:

- (i) have its records, accounts and financial statements (balance sheets, statements of income and expenses and related statements) and the records and accounts 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 nine months after the end of each such year, (A) certified copies of its financial statements for such year as so audited and (B) the report of such audit by said auditors, of such scope and in such detail as the Bank may have reasonably requested; and
- (iii) furnish to the Bank such other information concerning said records, accounts and financial statements as well as the audit thereof as the Bank may 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, 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.

Section 5.02. The Borrower shall for each of its fiscal years after its fiscal year ending on December 31, 1990, take all necessary steps to reach a financial equilibrium, in accordance with objectives specified in an action plan agreed upon between the Bank and the Borrower.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Remedies of the Bank

Section 6.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (k) of the General Conditions, the following additional events are specified:

(a) Ordonnance No. 76-28 of March 25, 1976, of the Guarantor, establishing the Borrower shall have been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the financial condition of the Borrower or its ability to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement.

(b) The EXIMBANK Loan Agreement shall have failed to become effective by December 31, 1989, or such later date as the Bank may agree; provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply if the Borrower establishes to the satisfaction of the Bank that adequate funds for the Project will be available to the Borrower from other sources on terms and conditions consistent with the obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement.

(c) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph:

(A) the right of the Borrower to withdraw the proceeds of the EXIMBANK 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 EXIMBANK Loan Agreement, or (B) the EXIMBANK loan shall have become due and payable prior to the agreed maturity thereof.

(ii) Subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall not apply if the Borrower establishes to the satisfaction of the Bank that:

(A) 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 (B) 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 6.02. Pursuant to Section 7.01 (h) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely, that an event specified in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) (i) (B) of Section 6.01 of this Agreement shall occur, subject to the proviso of Section 6.01 (c) (ii).

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Termination

Section 7.01. 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.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Representative of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 8.01. The Director General of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 8.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Bank:

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

Cable address:

INTBAFRAD  
Washington, D.C.

Telex:

440098 (ITT),  
248423 (RCA) or  
64145 (WUI)

For the Borrower:

Societe Nationale des  
Transports Ferroviaires  
21-23 Boulevard Mohamed V  
Algiers  
Democratic and Popular Republic of  
Algeria

Telex:

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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.

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Kemal Dervis

Acting Regional Vice President  
Europe, Middle East and North Africa

SOCIETE NATIONALE DES TRANSPORTS FERROVIAIRES

By /s/ C. Derouiche

Authorized Representative

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) Track rehabilitation (Annaba-Ramdane Jamel)	33,700,000	32%
(2) Track renewal (El Hadjar-Bouchegouf-Souk Ahras)	22,200,000	34%
(3) Track materials (Beni Mansour-Setif-El Gourzi)	18,800,000	75% of foreign expenditures
(4) Signalling and telecommunications equipment	17,700,000	75% of foreign expenditures
(5) Track maintenance equipment	25,200,000	75% of foreign expenditures
(6) Phosphate unloading equipment	1,500,000	75% of foreign expenditures
(7) Training	3,200,000	75%
(8) Consultants' services	2,200,000	75%
(9) Training support materials and equipment	2,500,000	75% of foreign expenditures
(10) Operational support materials and equipment	3,200,000	75% of foreign expenditures
(11) Foreign study tours	500,000	75%
(12) Unallocated	12,300,000	
TOTAL	143,000,000	

2. For the purposes of this Schedule the term "foreign expenditures" means expenditures in the currency of any country other than that of the Guarantor for goods or services supplied from the territory of any country other than that of the Guarantor.

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 rehabilitate key sections of the main railway network, to improve investment planning in the railway sector and to improve management, operations and financial condition of the Borrower.

The Project consists of the following parts, subject to such modifications thereof as the Bank and the Borrower may agree upon from time to time to achieve such objectives:

#### Part A: Rehabilitation and Maintenance

1. Rehabilitation of about 88 km main line track and renewal of about 283 km of main line track between Algiers, Constantine and Annaba, and between Chbaita and Souk Ahras.
2. Modernization of signalling and telecommunications equipment and of about 60 level crossings on selected sections of main rail lines and equipping of a workshop for maintenance of said equipment.
3. Acquisition of equipment for the mechanization of track maintenance works.
4. Acquisition and installation of two specialized phosphate unloading facilities.

#### Part B: Operation and Management

1. Establishment of a cost accounting system for railway operations and tariffs.
2. The study of a centralized management system for freight traffic.
3. Introduction of computer systems in the Borrower's divisions, including the acquisition of computer hardware and software.
4. Strengthening of the planning and implementation procedures for investment projects.

#### Part C: Training

1. Strengthening of the Borrower's personnel management and planning capacity.
2. Preparation and implementation of a training program for teachers at railway training centers and institutes.
3. Preparation and implementation of training programs for personnel of the Borrower in rail technical, management, computer and personnel areas, both in Algeria and abroad.
4. Provision of teaching materials to the railway training centers and institutes.

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The Project is expected to be completed by June 30, 1992.

## SCHEDULE 3

### Amortization Schedule

Date Payment Due	Payment of Principal (expressed in dollars)*
On each June 15 and December 15	

beginning December 15, 1993  
through June 15, 2003

7,150,000

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\* The figures in this column represent dollar equivalents determined as of the respective dates of withdrawal. See General Conditions, Sections 3.04 and 4.03.

#### Premiums on Prepayment

The following premiums are specified for the purposes of Section 3.04 (b) of the General Conditions:

Time of Prepayment	Premium
	The interest rate (expressed as a percentage per annum) applicable to the balance outstanding on the Loan on the day of prepayment multiplied by:
Not more than three years before maturity	0.20
More than three years but not more than six years before maturity	0.40
More than six years but not more than 11 years before maturity	0.73
More than 11 years but not more than 13 years before maturity	0.87
More than 13 years before maturity	1.00



## SCHEDULE 4

### 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 and works 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 goods shall be grouped in bid packages estimated to cost the equivalent of \$500,000 or more each, to permit bulk procurement.

##### Part B: Preference for Domestic Manufacturers

In the procurement of goods in accordance with the procedures described in Part A hereof, goods manufactured in the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria 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

1. Except as provided in paragraph 2 hereof, materials and equipment for training and operational support may be procured under contracts awarded through limited international bidding procedures on the basis of evaluation and comparison of bids invited from at least three qualified suppliers eligible under the Guidelines and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Sections I and II of the Guidelines (excluding paragraphs 2.8, 2.9, 2.55 and 2.56 thereof).

2. Contracts for materials and equipment for training and operational support, estimated to cost less than the equivalent of \$150,000 per contract, may be awarded on the basis of comparison of price quotations solicited from at least three suppliers from at least three different countries eligible under the Guidelines, in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Bank.

3. Elastic track fasteners may be procured under contracts negotiated with the relevant manufacturer.

##### Part D: Review by the Bank of Procurement Decisions

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

(a) With respect to each contract for works, and each contract for goods estimated to cost the equivalent of \$500,000 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 Bank pursuant to said paragraph 2 (d) shall be furnished to the Bank 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 Bank pursuant to said paragraph 3 shall be furnished to the Bank as part of the evidence to be furnished pursuant to paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 to this Agreement.

(c) The provisions of the preceding subparagraphs (a) and (b) shall not apply to contracts on account of which the Bank has authorized withdrawals from the Loan Account on the basis of statements of expenditure. Such contracts shall be retained in accordance with Section 5.01 (c) (ii) of this Agreement.

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 Parts B and C of the Project, the Borrower shall employ accounting, management, transport and training consultants whose qualifications, experience and terms and conditions of employment shall be satisfactory to the Bank. Such consultants, when financed by the Bank, shall be selected in accordance with principles and procedures satisfactory to the Bank 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 5

Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories 1 through 11 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 \$16,000,000 to be withdrawn from the Loan Account and deposited in the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of this Schedule.

2. Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, 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 may be made as follows:

(a) On the basis of a request or requests by the Borrower for a deposit or deposits which add up to the aggregate amount of the Authorized Allocation, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and deposit in the Special Account such amount or amounts as the Borrower shall have requested.

(b) The Borrower shall furnish to the Bank requests for replenishment of the Special Account at such intervals as the Bank shall specify. On the basis of such requests, the Bank shall withdraw from the Loan Account and deposit into the Special Account such amounts as shall be required to replenish the Special Account with amounts not exceeding the amount of payments made 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 the evidence supporting the request for such deposit furnished pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Schedule.

4. For each payment made by the Borrower out of the Special Account for which the Borrower requests replenishment pursuant to paragraph 3 (b) of this Schedule, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank, prior to or at the time of such request, such documents and other evidence as the Bank shall reasonably request, showing that such payment was made for eligible expenditures.

5. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Schedule, no further deposit into the Special Account shall be made by the Bank when either of the following situations first arises:

(i) 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; or

(ii) the total unwithdrawn amount of the Loan allocated to the eligible Categories minus the amount of any outstanding special commitment entered into by the Bank pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions with respect to the

Project, shall be equal to the equivalent of twice the amount of the Authorized Allocation.

(b) 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 any expenditure or in any amount not eligible pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule, or (ii) was not justified by the evidence furnished pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Schedule, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Bank, 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. No further deposit by the Bank into the Special Account shall be made until the Borrower has made such deposit or refund.

(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 for crediting to the Loan Account.

