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Development Credit Agreement

(North China Earthquake Reconstruction Project)

between

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated March 2, 1990

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DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated March 2, 1990, between PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (the Association).

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 Association to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) Part A of the Project will be carried out by Shanxi Province (Shanxi) with the Borrower's assistance and, as part of such assistance, the Borrower will make available to Shanxi part of the proceeds of the Credit as provided in this Agreement;

(C) Part B of the Project will be carried out by Hebei Province (Hebei) with the Borrower's assistance and, as part of such assistance, the Borrower will make available to Hebei part of the proceeds of the Credit as provided in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Association has agreed, on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, to extend the Credit to the Borrower upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and in the Project Agreement of even date herewith between the Association and the Provinces (as hereinafter defined);

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

General Conditions; Definitions

Section 1.01. The "General Conditions Applicable to Development Credit Agreements" of the Association, dated January 1, 1985, with the last sentence of Section 3.02 deleted (the General Conditions) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

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

- (a) "Shanxi" means Shanxi Province, a political subdivision of the Borrower, or any successor thereto;
- (b) "Hebei" means Hebei Province, a political subdivision of the Borrower, or any successor thereto;
- (c) "Provinces" means Shanxi and Hebei;
- (d) "Affected Areas" means Yanbei Prefecture in Shanxi, and Yangyuan County in Hebei;
- (e) "Project Agreement" means the agreement between the Association and the Provinces of even date herewith, as the same may be amended from time to time, and such term includes all schedules and agreements supplemental to the Project Agreement;
- (f) "SSB" means the State Seismological Bureau of the Borrower, or any successor thereto;
- (g) "Beneficiaries" means the county and village residents and enterprises, in the Affected Areas, included in the Project; and
- (h) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Section 2.02 (b) of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

The Credit

Section 2.01. The Association agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in the Development Credit Agreement, an amount in various currencies equivalent to twenty-three million four hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 23,400,000)

Section 2.02. (a) The amount of the Credit may be withdrawn from the Credit Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement for expenditures made (or, if the Association shall so agree, to be made) in respect of the reasonable cost of goods and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit.

(b) The Borrower shall, for the purposes of the Project, open and maintain in dollars a special account in a bank acceptable to the Association on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association. Deposits into, and payments out of, the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 to this Agreement.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be December 31, 1992 or such later date as the Association shall establish. The Association shall promptly notify the Borrower of such later date.

Section 2.04. (a) The Borrower shall pay to the Association a commitment charge on the principal amount of the Credit not withdrawn from time to time at a rate to be

set by the Association as of June 30 of each year, but not to exceed the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.

(b) The commitment charge shall accrue: (i) from the date sixty days after the date of this Agreement (the accrual date) to the respective dates on which amounts shall be withdrawn by the Borrower from the Credit Account or cancelled; and (ii) at the rate set as of the June 30 immediately preceding the accrual date and 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 date in that year specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement.

(c) The commitment charge shall be paid: (i) at such places as the Association shall reasonably request; (ii) without restrictions of any kind imposed by, or in the territory of, the Borrower; and (iii) in the currency specified in this Agreement for the purposes of Section 4.02 of the General Conditions or in such other eligible currency or currencies as may from time to time be designated or selected pursuant to the provisions of that Section.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall pay to the Association a service charge at the rate of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum on the principal amount of the Credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time.

Section 2.06. Commitment charges and service charges shall be payable semiannually on January 15 and July 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 January 15 and July 15 commencing July 15, 2000 and ending January 15, 2025. Each installment to and including the installment payable on January 15, 2010 shall be one and one-fourth percent (1-1/4%) of such principal amount, and each installment thereafter shall be two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) of such principal amount.

(b) Whenever: (i) the Borrower's gross national product per capita, as determined by the Association, shall have exceeded \$790 in constant 1985 dollars for five consecutive years, and (ii) the Bank shall consider the Borrower creditworthy for Bank lending, the Association may, subsequent to the review and approval thereof by the Executive Directors of the Association and after due consideration by them of the development of the Borrower's economy, modify the terms of repayment of installments under paragraph (a) above by requiring the Borrower to repay twice the amount of each such installment not yet due until the principal amount of the Credit shall have been repaid. If so requested by the Borrower, the Association may revise such modification to include, in lieu of some or all of the increase in the amounts of such installments, the payment of interest at an annual rate agreed with the Association on the principal amount of the Credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, provided that, in the judgment of the Association, such revision shall not change the grant element obtained under the above-mentioned repayment modification.

(c) If, at any time after a modification of terms pursuant to paragraph (b) above, the Association determines that the Borrower's economic condition has deteriorated significantly, the Association may, if so requested by the Borrower, further modify the terms of repayment to conform to the schedule of installments as provided in paragraph (a) above.

Section 2.08. The currency of the United States of America is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 4.02 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE III

Execution of the Project

Section 3.01. (a) 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 Part C of the Project through SSB with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative and financial practices, and shall provide, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for Part C of the Project.

(b) Without limitation or restriction upon any of its other obligations under the Development Credit Agreement, the Borrower shall cause the Provinces to perform in accordance with the provisions of the Project Agreement all the obligations of the Provinces therein set forth, shall take or cause to be taken all action, including the provision of funds, facilities, services and other resources, necessary or appropriate to enable the Provinces to perform such obligations, and shall not take or permit to be taken any action which would prevent or interfere with such performance.

(c) The Borrower shall make available the equivalent of SDR 16,760,000 out of the proceeds of the Credit to Shanxi in accordance with arrangements satisfactory to the Association.

(d) The Borrower shall make available the equivalent of SDR 4,680,000 out of the proceeds of the Credit to Hebei in accordance with arrangements satisfactory to the Association.

Section 3.02. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods, works and consultants' services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

Section 3.03. The Borrower and the Association hereby agree that the obligations set forth in Sections 9.03, 9.04, 9.05, 9.06, 9.07 and 9.08 of the General Conditions (relating to insurance, use of goods and services, plans and schedules, records and reports, maintenance and land acquisition, respectively) in respect of Parts A and B of the Project shall be carried out by the Provinces pursuant to Section 2.03 of the Project Agreement.

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 Part C of the Project of the departments or agencies of the Borrower responsible for carrying out Part C of the Project.

(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, accounts and the audit thereof as the Association shall from time to time reasonably request.

Section 4.02. (a) For all expenditures with respect to which withdrawals from the Credit Account were made on the basis of statements of expenditures, the Borrower shall:

(i) maintain or cause to be maintained in accordance with sound accounting practices, records and accounts reflecting such expenditures;

(ii) ensure that all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures are

retained 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; and

(iii) enable the Association's representative to examine such records.

(b) The Borrower shall:

(i) have the records and accounts referred to in paragraph (a) (i) of this Section and 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 the report of such audit by said auditors, of such scope and in such detail as the Association shall have reasonably requested, including 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; 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.

ARTICLE V

Remedies of the Association

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

(a) Either of the Provinces shall have failed to perform any of its obligations under the Project Agreement.

(b) As a result of events which have occurred after the date of the Development Credit Agreement, an extraordinary situation shall have arisen which shall make it improbable that either of the Provinces will be able to perform its obligations under the Project Agreement.

Section 5.02. Pursuant to Section 7.01 (d) of the General Conditions, the following additional event is specified, namely, that the event specified in paragraph (a) of Section 5.01 of this Agreement shall occur and shall continue for a period of sixty days after notice thereof shall have been given by the Association to the Borrower.

ARTICLE VI

Effective Date; Termination

Section 6.01. The following event is specified as an additional condition to the effectiveness of the Development Credit Agreement within the meaning of Section 12.01 (b) of the General Conditions, namely, that the Borrower's State Council has approved this Agreement.

Section 6.02. The following is specified as an additional matter, within the meaning of Section 12.02 (b) of the General Conditions, to be included in the opinion or opinions to be furnished to the Association, namely, that the Project Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by each of the Provinces, and is legally binding upon each of the Provinces in accordance with its terms;

Section 6.03. 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 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
Sanlihe
Beijing 100820
People's Republic of China

Cable address:

FINANMIN
Beijing

Telex:

22486 MFPRC CN

For the Association:

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

Cable address:

INDEVAS
Washington, D.C.

Telex:

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

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

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

By /s/ Zhu Qizhen

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By /s/ A. Karaosmanoglu

Regional Vice President
Asia

SCHEDULE 1

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Credit

1. The table below sets forth the Categories of items to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit, the allocation of the amounts of the Credit to each Category and the percentage of expenditures for items so to be financed in each Category:

Amount of the Credit Allocated	% of
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Category	(Expressed in SDR Equivalent)	Expenditures to be Financed
Part A of the Project		
(1) Civil works	11,520,000	65% of local expenditures
(2) Construction materials	5,000,000	65% of local expenditures
(3) Goods	240,000	65% of local expenditures
Part B of the Project		
(4) Civil works	3,110,000	65% of local expenditures
(5) Construction materials	1,330,000	65% of local expenditures
(6) Goods	240,000	65% of local expenditures
Part C of the Project		
(7) Equipment	1,480,000	100% of foreign expenditures
(8) Consultants' services and training	80,000	100%
Other		
(9) Unallocated	400,000	
TOTAL	23,400,000	

2. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "foreign expenditures" means expenditure 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 or 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, except that withdrawals, in an aggregate amount not exceeding the equivalent of SDR 3,100,000, may be made on account of payments made for expenditures before that date but after December 15, 1989.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the Project

The objectives of the Project are to: (i) assist in earthquake reconstruction operations in the Affected Areas; and (ii) strengthen SSB capabilities in earthquake prediction and mitigation.

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

Part A: Shanxi

1. Provision of civil works, construction materials and goods for reconstruction works in about 80 villages in Yanbei Prefecture (including about 4 villages to be relocated), including: (i) reconstruction of about 19,400 collapsed dwelling rooms, and rehabilitation, repair and reenforcement of about 21,000 other rooms; (ii) reconstruction of about 900 public facility rooms (village class rooms, health centers, village storehouses and other public buildings) and repair and reinforcement of about 1,600 other rooms; (iii) re-establishment and repair of critical village infrastructure of power lines and water supply; and (iv) repair of damaged buildings of about 13 rural enterprises.

2. Drawing up an emergency preparedness plan for Yanbei Prefecture.

Part B: Hebei

Provision of civil works, construction materials and goods for reconstruction works in about 70 villages in Yangyuan County, including: (i) reconstruction of about 2,400 dwelling rooms, and rehabilitation, repair and reinforcement of about 25,500 other rooms; (ii) reconstruction of about 200 public facility rooms (village class rooms and health centers) and repair and reinforcement of about 600 other rooms; (iii) repair of about 35 villages' water supply and irrigation works; and (iv) repair of two seriously damaged industrial and commercial enterprises.

Part C:

Strengthening earthquake prediction capability of SSB through provision of equipment, consultants' services and training.

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The Project is expected to be completed by December 31, 1991.

SCHEDULE 3

Procurement and Consultants' Services

Section I: Procurement of Goods and Works

Part A: Procurement Procedures

1. Contracts for construction materials and goods for Parts A and B of the Project may be procured in accordance with local procedures satisfactory to the Association.
2. Civil works under the Project may be carried out through force account, or local procedures, as agreed with the Association, in accordance with procedures satisfactory to the Association.
3. Equipment under Part C of the Project may be procured under contracts 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 Association.

Part B: Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions

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

(a) With respect to each contract for: (i) civil works or construction materials estimated to cost the equivalent of \$500,000 or more, and (ii) equipment estimated to cost the equivalent of \$50,000 or more, the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2 and 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines shall apply. Where payments for such contract are to be made out of the Special Account, such procedures shall be modified to ensure that the two conformed copies of the contract required to be furnished to the Association pursuant to said paragraph 2 (d) shall be furnished to the Association prior to the making of the first payment out of the Special Account in respect of such contract.

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

2. The figure of 15% is hereby specified for purposes of paragraph 4 of Appendix 1 to the Guidelines.

Section II: Employment of Consultants

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

SCHEDULE 4

Special Account

1. For the purposes of this Schedule

(a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) set forth in the table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement;

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

(c) the term "Authorized Allocation" means an amount equivalent to US\$4,000,000 to be withdrawn from the Credit Account and deposited into the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of this Schedule.

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

3. After the Association has received evidence satisfactory to it that the Special Account has been duly opened, withdrawals of the Authorized Allocation and subsequent withdrawals to replenish the Special Account shall be made as follows:

(a) For withdrawals of the Authorized Allocation, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association a request or requests for a deposit or deposits which do not exceed the aggregate amount of the Authorized Allocation. On the basis of such request or requests, the Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit Account and deposit in the Special Account such amount or amounts as the Borrower shall have requested.

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

(ii) Prior to or at the time of each such request, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association the documents and other evidence required pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Schedule for the payment or payments in respect of which replenishment is requested. On the basis of each such request, the Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit Account and deposit into the Special Account such amount as the Borrower shall have

requested and as shall have been shown by said documents and other evidence to have been paid out of the Special Account for eligible expenditures.

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

4. For each payment made by the Borrower out of the Special Account, the Borrower shall, at such time as the Association shall reasonably request, furnish to the Association such documents and other evidence showing that such payment was made exclusively for eligible expenditures.

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

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

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

Thereafter, withdrawal from the Credit Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Credit allocated to the eligible Categories shall follow such procedures as the Association shall specify by notice to the Borrower. Such further withdrawals shall be made only after and to the extent that the Association shall have been satisfied that all such amounts remaining on deposit in the Special Account as of the date of such notice will be utilized in making payments for eligible expenditures.

6. (a) If the Association shall have determined at any time that any payment out of the Special Account: (i) was made for an expenditure or in an amount not eligible pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule; (ii) was not justified by the evidence furnished to the Association, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association: (A) provide such additional evidence as the Association may request; or (B) deposit into the Special Account (or, if the Association shall so request, refund to the Association) an amount equal to the amount of such payment or the portion thereof not so eligible or justified. Unless the Association shall otherwise agree, no further deposit by the Association into the Special Account shall be made until the Borrower has provided such evidence or made such deposit or refund, as the case may be.

(b) If the Association shall have determined at any time that any amount outstanding in the Special Account will not be required to cover further payments for eligible expenditures, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association, refund to the Association such outstanding amount.

(c) The Borrower may, upon notice to the Association, refund to the Association all or any portion of the funds on deposit in the Special Account.

(d) Refunds to the Association made pursuant to paragraphs 6 (a), (b) and (c) of this Schedule shall be credited to the Credit Account for subsequent withdrawal or for cancellation in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Agreement, including the General Conditions.

