# **IDA GRANT NUMBER H195 TJ**

# **Development Grant Agreement**

(Community and Basic Health Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated February 21, 2006

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# DEVELOPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated February 21, 2006, between REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN (the Recipient) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (the Association).

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

(B) the Recipient intends to contract from the Government of Sweden, acting through the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) a grant equivalent to six million Unites States dollars (US\$6,000,000) (the Sida Cofinancing) to assist in financing part of the Project on the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement to be entered into between the Recipient and the Association, acting as an administrator of grant funds provided by the Government of Sweden (the Sida Cofinancing Agreement); and

WHEREAS the Association has agreed, on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, to extend the Grant to the Recipient 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 Development Credit Agreements" of the Association, dated January 1, 1985 (as amended through May 1, 2004), with the modifications set forth in Schedule 5 to this Agreement (the General Conditions) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

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

(a) "Environmental Management Plan" means the Environmental Management Plan, satisfactory to the Association, setting forth the measures to be taken during the implementation of the Project to avoid or reduce adverse environmental

impacts, and the actions needed to implement these measures, adopted by the Recipient on November 16, 2005.

- (b) "Financial Monitoring Report" means each report prepared in accordance with Section 4.02 of this Agreement.
- (c) "MoH" means the Ministry of Health of the Recipient, or any successor thereto.
- (d) "PIU" means the project implementation unit established pursuant to the Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 99 of March 11, 2000 and referred to in Section 3.03 (b) of this Agreement, or any successor thereto.
- (e) "Procurement Plan" means the Recipient's procurement plan, dated November 16, 2005, covering the initial 18 month period (or longer) of Project implementation, as the same shall be updated from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 to this Agreement, to cover succeeding 18 month periods (or longer) of Project implementation.
- (f) "Project Operational Manual" means the manual, satisfactory to the Association, to be adopted by the Recipient pursuant to Section 6.01 (a) of this Agreement, and setting out the operational and administrative procedures for the implementation of the Project, as the same may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Association and the Recipient.
- (g) "Project Preparation Advance" means the project preparation advance granted by the Association to the Recipient pursuant to the letter agreement signed on behalf of the Association on March 2, 2005 and on behalf of the Recipient on March 25, 2005.
- (h) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Section 2.02 (b) of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE II

## The Grant

Section 2.01. The Association agrees to make available to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, an amount in various currencies equivalent to six million nine hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 6,900,000).

Section 2.02 (a) The amount of the Grant may be withdrawn from the Grant 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 carrying out the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant.

- (b) The Recipient may, for the purposes of the Project, open and maintain in Dollar a separate special deposit account in a commercial bank on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association, including appropriate protection against set-off, seizure or attachment. Deposits into, and payments out of the Special Account shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 to this Agreement.
- (c) Promptly after the Effective Date, the Association shall, on behalf of the Recipient, withdraw from the Grant Account and pay to itself the amount required to repay the principal amount of the Project Preparation Advance withdrawn and outstanding as of such date and to pay all unpaid charges thereon. The unwithdrawn balance of the authorized amount of the Project Preparation Advance shall thereupon be canceled.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be March 31, 2010 or such later date as the Association shall establish. The Association shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.

Section 2.04. (a) The Recipient shall pay to the Association a commitment charge on the principal amount of the Grant 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 Recipient from the Grant Account or canceled; 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 2.04 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 Recipient; and (iii) in Dollar or in such other eligible currency or currencies as may from time to time be designated or selected pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.02 of the General Conditions.
- Section 2.05. Commitment charges shall be payable semiannually on May 15 and November 15 in each year.

Section 2.06. 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. The Recipient 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 the MoH with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with appropriate administrative, financial and environmental practices, and shall provide, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for the Project.

- Section 3.02. (a) Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods, works and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Agreement, as said provisions may be further elaborated in the Procurement Plan.
- (b) The Recipient, through the MoH, shall update the Procurement Plan in accordance with guidelines acceptable to the Association, and furnish such update to the Association not later than 12 months after the date of the preceding Procurement Plan, for the Association's approval.
- Section 3.03. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 3.01 and except as the Recipient and the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall:
- (a) carry out the Project in accordance with the Operational Manual satisfactory to the Association and in full compliance with the provisions of the Environmental Management Plan and in a timely manner; and

(b) maintain the PIU until completion of the Project in a legal and organizational form, with staff, resources and under terms of reference, all satisfactory to the Association.

# Section 3.04. The Recipient shall:

- (a) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate on an ongoing basis, in accordance with indicators satisfactory to the Association, the carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof;
- (b) prepare, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Association, and furnish to the Association, on or about March 31, 2008, 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 Association, by May 31, 2008, or such later date as the Association 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 Association's views on the matter.

Section 3.05. For the purposes of Section 9.06 of the General Conditions and without limitation thereto, the Recipient, through the MoH, shall:

- (a) prepare, on the basis of guidelines acceptable to the Association, and furnish to the Association not later than six months after the Closing Date or such later date as may be agreed for this purpose between the Recipient and the Association, a plan designated to ensure the continued achievement of the Project; and
- (b) afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Recipient on said plan.

### ARTICLE IV

## **Financial Covenants**

Section 4.01. (a) The Recipient shall maintain a financial management system, including records and accounts, and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the Association adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Project.

# (b) The Recipient shall:

- (i) have the financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for each fiscal year (or other period agreed to by the Association), audited, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Association, 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 (or such other period agreed to by the Association): (A) certified copies of the financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section for such year (or other period agreed to by the Association), as so audited; and (B) an opinion on such statements by said auditors, in scope and detail satisfactory to the Association; and
- (iii) furnish to the Association such other information concerning such records and accounts, and the audit of such financial statements, and concerning said auditors, as the Association may from time to time reasonably request.
- (c) For all expenditures with respect to which withdrawals from the Grant Account were made on the basis of statements of expenditure, the Recipient shall:
  - (i) retain, until at least one year after the Association has received the audit report for, or covering, the fiscal year in which the last withdrawal from the Grant Account was made, all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures;
  - (ii) enable the Association's representatives to examine such records; and

(iii) ensure that such statements of expenditure are included in the audit for each fiscal year (or other period agreed to by the Association), referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section.

Section 4.02. (a) The Recipient shall prepare and furnish to the Association a financial monitoring report, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, which:

- (i) sets forth sources and uses of funds for the Project, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, showing separately funds provided under the Grant and explains variances between the actual and planned uses of such funds; and
- (i) describes physical progress in Project implementation, both cumulatively and for the period covered by said report, and explains variances between the actual and planned Project implementation; and
- (ii) sets forth the status of procurement under the Project, as at the end of the period covered by said report.
- (b) The first FMR shall be furnished to the Association not later than 45 days after the end of the first calendar quarter after the Effective Date, and shall cover the period from the incurrence of the first expenditure under the Project through the end of such first calendar quarter; thereafter, each FMR shall be furnished to the Association not later than 45 days after each subsequent calendar quarter, and shall cover such calendar quarter.

### ARTICLE V

### Remedies of the Association

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

- (a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this Section, the right of the Recipient to withdraw the proceeds of the Sida Cofinancing shall have been suspended, canceled or terminated in whole or in part, pursuant to the terms of the agreement providing therefore.
- (b) Paragraph (a) of this Section shall not apply if the Recipient establishes to the satisfaction of the Association that: (A) such suspension,

cancellation or termination is not caused by the failure of the Recipient to perform any of its obligations under the Sida Cofinancing Agreement; and (B) adequate funds for the Project are available to the Recipient from other sources on terms and conditions consistent with the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE VI**

## **Effectiveness; Termination**

Section 6.01. The following events are specified as conditions to the effectiveness of this Agreement within the meaning of Section 12.01 (b) of the General Conditions:

- (a) the Recipient, through the MoH, shall have adopted the Project Operational Manual, satisfactory to the Association; and
- (b) the Sida Cofinancing Agreement has been executed and delivered and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness or to the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals thereunder, except only the effectiveness of the Development Grant Agreement, have been fulfilled.

Section 6.02. 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 VII

## Representative of the Recipient; Addresses

Section 7.01. The Minister of Finance of the Recipient is designated as representative of the Recipient 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 Recipient:

Ministry of Finance 3, Akademic Rajobovkho Street Dushanbe, 734025 Republic of Tajikistan

Facsimile:

(992-372) 213329

## For the Association:

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

Cable address: Telex: Facsimile:

INDEVAS 248423 (MCI) (202) 477-6391

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 Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, as of the day and year first above written.

# REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

By: /s/ Safarali Najmiddinov

Authorized Representative

# INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Cevdet Denizer

Authorized Representative

## **SCHEDULE 1**

# Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Grant

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

<u>Category</u>	Amount of the Grant Allocated (Expressed in SDR Equivalent)	% of Expenditures to be Financed
(1) Works, goods, consultants' services, including training and audit	5,960,000	100%
(2) Operating costs	210,000	100%
(3) Refunding of Project Preparation Advance	210,000	Amount due pursuant to Section 2.02 (c) of this Agreement
(4) Unallocated	<u>520,000</u>	
TOTAL	6,900,000	

# 2. For the purposes of this Schedule:

- (a) the term "training" means expenditures for Project related study tours, training courses, seminars, workshops and other training activities not included under goods or service providers' contracts, including costs of training materials, space and equipment rental, travel and per diem costs of trainees and trainers; and
- (b) the term "operating costs" means incremental operating costs incurred by the MoH on account of Project implementation, management and monitoring, including the PIU staff salaries, office and equipment maintenance and repair, vehicle maintenance and repair, local travel, communication, translation and interpretation, bank charges,

social charges, and other miscellaneous costs directly associated with the Project, all based on periodic budgets acceptable to the Association.

- 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 Association may require withdrawals from the Grant Account to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure for expenditures for all operating costs and training and for expenditures under contracts for goods, works and services not subject to the Association's Prior Review, as stipulated in the Procurement Plan, all under such terms and conditions as the Association shall specify by notice to the Recipient.
- 5. If the Association shall have determined at any time that any amount of the Grant was used in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, the Recipient shall, promptly upon notice from the Association, refund to the Association for deposit into the Grant Account, an amount equivalent to the amount so used.

### **SCHEDULE 2**

# **Description of the Project**

The objectives of the Project are: (a) to increase access to, utilization of, and patient satisfaction with health services in project-supported areas; and (b) to build capacity and efficiency at national and oblast and rayon levels in administering the basic benefit package and per capita financing for primary health care.

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

# Part A: Strengthening Policy, Planning and Donor Coordination in the Ministry of Health

- 1. Establishment of a health policy analysis unit in the MoH responsible for monitoring and evaluation of health reforms and for supporting implementation of reforms in primary health care and the basic benefit package, and provision of evidence-based advice on policy development.
- 2. Assistance to the MoH in building capacity for strategic and operational planning and ensuring coherence between health sub-sectors.
- 3. Assistance to the MoH in donor coordination by organizing bi-annual sector review round tables and strengthening the Recipient's capacity in aid coordination in the health sector.
- 4. Strengthening public relations capacity of the MoH and financing selected public relations activities and communication programs.

## Part B: Organizational and Financing Reforms in the Health Sector

- 1. Strengthening primary health care management and financing in Sughd and Khatlon oblasts.
- 2. Strengthening hospital management and assistance with implementation of the basic benefits package at the hospital and oblast levels.
- 3. Strengthening policy development capacity of the MoH.

# Part C: Strengthening Primary Health Care in Selected Rayons

- 1. Rehabilitation or replacement of primary health care facilities in selected rayons in Sughd and Khatlon oblasts.
- 2. Provision of training to primary health workers in Project rayons under an approved family medicine training scheme.

# Part D: Project Management

Strengthening the MoH's and PIU's capacity for project implementation, monitoring and evaluation, including audit, procurement, disbursement and financial management activities, through provision of goods, technical assistance, training and financing of their operating costs.

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The Project is expected to be completed by September 30, 2009.

### SCHEDULE 3

## **Procurement**

## Section I. General

- A. All goods, works and services (other than consultants' services) shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Section I of the "Guidelines for Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits" dated May 2004 (the Procurement Guidelines), and with the provisions of this Schedule.
- B. All consultants' services shall be procured in accordance with Sections I and IV of the "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers" dated May 2004 (the Consultant Guidelines), and with the provisions of this Schedule.
- C. The capitalized terms used below in this Schedule to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the Bank of particular contracts, have the meanings ascribed to them in the Procurement Guidelines, or Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

# Section II. Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Services (other than Consultants' Services)

A. <u>International Competitive Bidding.</u> Except as otherwise provided in Part B of this Section, contracts shall be awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding. The provisions of paragraphs 2.55 and 2.56 of the Procurement Guidelines, providing for domestic preference in the evaluation of bids, shall apply to goods manufactured in the territory of the Recipient and works to be carried out by domestic contractors.

## B. Other Procurement Procedures

- 1. <u>National Competitive Bidding.</u> Works estimated to cost less than \$500,000 equivalent per contract, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of National Competitive Bidding and the additional provisions set forth in the Annex to this Schedule.
- 2. <u>Shopping</u>. Goods estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract and works estimated to cost less than \$50,000 equivalent per contract, may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Shopping.

- 3. <u>Direct Contracting</u>. Goods and works which the Bank agrees meet the requirements for Direct Contracting may be procured in accordance with the provisions of said procurement method.
- 4. <u>Procurement from UN Agencies</u>. Basic medical equipment and supplies may be procured from the United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF) in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3.9 of the Guidelines.

## Section III. Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants' Services

A. <u>Quality- and Cost-based Selection</u>. Except as otherwise provided in Part B of this Section, consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection. For purposes of paragraph 2.7 of the Consultant Guidelines, the short list of consultants for services estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract may comprise entirely national consultants.

## B: Other Procedures

- 1. <u>Least-cost Selection</u>. Services for assignments which the Bank agrees meet the requirements of paragraph 3.6 of the Consultant Guidelines may be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Least-cost Selection in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1 and 3.6 of the Consultant Guidelines.
- 2. <u>Selection Based on Consultants' Qualifications</u>. Services estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent per contract may be procured under contracts awarded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.1, 3.7 and 3.8 of the Consultant Guidelines.
- 3. <u>Single Source Selection</u>. Services for tasks in circumstances which meet the requirements of paragraph 3.10 of the Consultant Guidelines for Single Source Selection, may, with the Bank's prior agreement, be procured in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.9 through 3.13 of the Consultant Guidelines.
- 4. <u>Individual Consultants</u>. Services for assignments that meet the requirements set forth in the first sentence of paragraph 5.1 of the Consultant Guidelines may be procured under contracts awarded to individual consultants in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 5.2 through 5.3 of the Consultant Guidelines. Under the circumstances described in paragraph 5.4 of the Consultant Guidelines, such contracts may be awarded to individual consultants on a sole-source basis subject to prior approval of the Bank.

# Section IV. Review by the Bank of Procurement Decisions

The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the Bank's Prior Review. If the Procurement Plan provides for prior review of contracts for the employment of individual consultants, the report on the qualifications and experience of all evaluated candidates, the terms of reference and the terms of employment of the consultants shall be subject to prior approval by the Association. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the Association.

# ANNEX to SCHEDULE 3

National competitive bidding procedures of the Recipient may be used for procurement of works under the Project provided that the following provisions are complied with:

1. Works, for which Schedule 3 to this Agreement allows procurement under paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of the Guidelines, shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of the "Law on Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services of the Republic of Tajikistan", dated December 12, 1997 ("the Law"). These provisions, in order to ensure economy, efficiency, transparency, and broad consistency with the provisions included in Section I of the Guidelines (as required by paragraphs. 3.3 of the Guidelines), shall be modified as set forth in the following paragraphs.

# Entity responsible for carrying out the procurement

2. The procurement shall be carried out by the "purchaser" (as defined in Art. 1 of the Law), without any involvement of the "Authorized Procurement Agency" (as referred to in Art. 9 of the Law).

# Participation in bidding

- 3. Government-owned enterprises in Tajikistan shall be eligible to participate in bidding only if they can establish that they are legally and financially autonomous, operate under commercial law, and are not a dependent agency of the purchaser (as defined in the Law).
- 4. Foreign bidders shall be eligible to participate in bidding under the same conditions as local bidders. In particular, no domestic preference over foreign shall be granted to local bidders in bid evaluation.

# Advertising: time for bid preparation

5. Invitations to bid shall be advertised in at least one widely circulated national newspaper, allowing a minimum of 30 days for the preparation and submission of bids.

# Standard bidding documents

6. Until a modified version of the Recipient's standard bidding documents has been approved by the Association, the Association's sample NCB bidding documents for Europe and Central Asia Region shall be used.

## Oualification criteria and evaluation criteria

- 7. Qualification criteria shall be clearly specified in the bidding documents, and criteria so specified, and *only* criteria so specified, shall be used to determine whether a bidder is qualified. Bids of bidders not meeting such criteria shall be rejected as non-qualified. Qualifications of a bidder found to meet the specified qualification criteria shall not be taken into account in the evaluation of such a bidder's bid.
- 8. Evaluation criteria shall be clearly specified in the bidding documents, and evaluation criteria other than price shall be quantified in monetary terms. Evaluation criteria so specified, and *only* criteria so specified, shall be used in bid evaluation. Merit points shall not be used in bid evaluation.

## Bid security

9. For the procurement of goods and works, bidders shall be required to submit a bid security in the amount and in the form specified in the bidding documents, unless otherwise agreed with the Association. A bid security in the form of an advance bank transfer shall not be allowed.

## Bid submission and bid opening

- 10. Bids may be delivered by mail or by hand. Bids shall be opened immediately after the deadline for bid submission in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. Said deadline and the place of bid opening shall be announced in the invitation to bid. The name of each bidder and the amount of its bid, shall be read aloud and recorded when opened in the minutes of bid opening. The minutes of bid opening shall be signed by the members of the bidding committee immediately after bid opening.
- 11. Bids received after the deadline for bid submissions shall be returned to the bidders unopened.

## Bid evaluation and award of contracts

- 12. Bidders shall not be allowed to be present during bid evaluation, and no information relating to the evaluation of bids shall be disclosed to bidders until the successful bidder is notified of the award.
- 13. A bid containing material deviations from or reservations to the terms, conditions and specifications of the bidding documents shall be rejected as not substantially responsive. A bidder shall not be permitted to withdraw material deviations or reservations once bids have been opened.
- 14. Evaluation of bids shall be made in strict adherence to the criteria specified in the bidding documents, and contracts should be awarded to the qualified bidder offering the lowest evaluated and substantially responsive bid.
- 15. A bidder shall not be required, as a condition for award, to undertake obligations not specified in the bidding documents or otherwise to modify the bid as originally submitted.
- 16. There shall be no post-bidding negotiations between the purchaser and the lowest or any other bidder.

### **SCHEDULE 4**

## **Special Account**

- 1. For the purposes of this Schedule:
- (a) the term "eligible Categories" means Categories (1) and (2) 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 Grant 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 \$800,000 to be withdrawn from the Grant Account and deposited into the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) of this Schedule, provided, however, that unless the Association shall otherwise agree, the Authorized Allocation shall be limited to an amount equivalent to \$400,000 until the aggregate amount of withdrawals from the Grant Account plus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Association pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions shall be equal to or exceed the equivalent of SDR 3,500,000.
- 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 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 Recipient shall furnish to the Association 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 Association shall, on behalf of the Recipient, withdraw from the Grant Account and deposit into the Special Account such amount or amounts as the Recipient shall have requested.
  - (b) (i) For replenishment of the Special Account, the Recipient 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 Recipient 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 Recipient, withdraw from the Grant Account and deposit into the Special Account such amount as the Recipient 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 Grant 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 Recipient out of the Special Account, the Recipient 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 Recipient directly from the Grant 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 Recipient shall have failed to furnish to the Association, 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 Association pursuant to said Section in respect of the audit of the records and accounts for the Special Account;
- (c) if, at any time, the Association shall have notified the Recipient of its intention to suspend in whole or in part the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.02 of the General Conditions; or
- (d) once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Grant allocated to the eligible Categories for the Special Account, minus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments 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 Grant Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Grant allocated to the eligible Categories shall follow such procedures as the Association shall specify by notice to the Recipient. 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; or (ii) was not justified by the evidence furnished to the Association, the Recipient 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 Recipient 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 Recipient shall, promptly upon notice from the Association, refund to the Association such outstanding amount.
- (c) The Recipient 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 Grant Account, as the case may be, for subsequent withdrawal or for cancellation in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Agreement, including the General Conditions.

### **SCHEDULE 5**

## **Modifications to the General Conditions**

For the purpose of this Agreement, the provisions of the General Conditions are modified as follows:

- 1. Sections 3.02, 3.03, 3.04 (a), 3.04 (b), 6.05 and Article VII are deleted in their entirety.
- 2. Wherever used in the General Conditions, the following terms are modified to read as follows:
  - (a) The term "Borrower" is modified to read "Recipient".
  - (b) The term "Credit" is modified to read "Grant".
  - (c) The term "Credit Account" is modified to read "Grant Account".
  - (d) The term "Development Credit Agreement" is modified to read "Development Grant Agreement".
- 3. Section 1.01 is modified to read as follows:

"Section 1.01. Application of General Conditions

These General Conditions set forth the terms and conditions generally applicable to the Development Grant Agreement to the extent and subject to any modifications set forth in such agreement."

- 4. Paragraph 3 of Section 2.01 is modified to read as follows:
  - "3. "Recipient" means the party to the Development Grant Agreement to which the Grant is made."
- 5. Article III is modified as follows:
  - (a) The heading of Article III is modified to read "Grant Account; Partial Payment", and the heading of Section 3.04 is modified to read "Partial Payment".

- (b) The words "The principal of, and service charges on, the Credit" in Section 3.05 are modified to read "All amounts required to be paid under the Development Grant Agreement".
- 6. Article IV is modified as follows:
  - (a) Section 4.02 (a) is modified to read as follows:
    - "Section 4.02. Currencies in which Payments are to be Made
      (a) The Recipient shall pay all amounts required to be paid by it
      under the Development Grant Agreement in the currency
      specified in such agreement or in such other eligible currency or
      currencies as may from time to time be designated or selected
      pursuant to paragraphs (c) or (e) of this Section."
  - (b) Wherever used in Section 4.02 (c) and (e) of the General Conditions, the words "principal and service charges" are modified to read "amounts".
  - (c) Section 4.03 is modified to read as follows:

"Section 4.03. Amount of the Grant

The amount of the Grant withdrawn from time to time shall be the equivalent in terms of SDR (determined as of the date or respective dates of withdrawal from the Grant Account) of the value of the currency or currencies so withdrawn."

- (d) Section 4.06 (b) is modified to read as follows:
  - "(b) All amounts which the Recipient shall be required to pay under the Development Grant Agreement shall be paid without restrictions of any kind imposed by, or in the territory of, the Recipient."
- 7. Section 5.08 of the General Conditions is amended to read as follows:

"Section 5.08. Treatment of Taxes

Except as otherwise provided in the Development Grant Agreement, the proceeds of the Grant may be withdrawn to pay for taxes levied by, or in the territory of, the Recipient on the goods or services to be financed under the Grant, or on their importation, manufacture, procurement or

supply. Financing of such taxes is subject to the Association's policy of requiring economy and efficiency in the use of the proceeds of its credits and grants. To that end, if the Association shall at any time determine that the amount of any taxes levied on or in respect of any item to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant is excessive or otherwise unreasonable, the Association may, by notice to the Recipient, adjust the percentage for withdrawal set forth or referred to in respect of such item in the Development Grant Agreement as required to be consistent with such policy of the Association."

- 8. Article VI is modified as follows:
  - (a) The word "credit" in paragraphs (a) (ii) and (c) (i) of Section 6.02 is replaced with the words "credit, grant or financing".
  - (b) Section 6.03 (c) is modified by replacing the words "corrupt or fraudulent" with the words "corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive".
- 9. Section 8.01 (a) is modified to read as follows:
  - "(a) All amounts which the Recipient shall be required to pay under the Development Grant Agreement shall be paid without deduction for, and free from, any taxes levied by, or in the territory of, the Recipient."
- 10. Section 12.05 and its heading are modified to read as follows:

"Section 12.05. Termination of Development Grant Agreement.

The obligations of the Recipient under the Development Grant Agreement shall terminate on the date 20 years after the date of the Development Grant Agreement."