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 FROM: AA/PHA, Harriett S. Crowley *HSC*
 SUBJECT: Population/Family Planning Project for Morocco

Problem: Because this grant project proposal totals more than \$2.0 million over the life of the project, your signature is required on the attached project authorization.

Discussion: The Government of Morocco (GOM) is concentrating in its Third Five Year Plan (1973-77) on sustaining real GNP growth and improving the distribution of growth benefits through such programs as land distribution and increased investment in education, health/family planning, and housing to help less-favored social groups and areas of the country. AID assistance to Morocco, related to the national plan, is intended to bring the benefits of development in the areas of agriculture, health, and family planning to the poorer sections of the population, particularly in rural areas.

The proposed grant to the GOM will supplement an earlier grant made in 1971 to assist the government in establishing its national family planning program as part of an integrated health system. The objective of the program is to make family planning services available to the three million couples of child bearing age in Morocco with the overall goal of reducing the population growth rate from 3.2% in 1972 to 2.9% in 1977. This project supports the extension of family planning services to the rural areas, and delivery of family planning in the context of preventive health and maternal and child health services, which meets Congressional intent.

The total cost of the program from 1971 to 1978 will be \$8,575,000 of which AID will contribute a total of \$2,358,000, the GOM will contribute \$4,500,000, and other donors will contribute \$1,717,000.

The GOM contribution represents 55 percent of the total program cost, which satisfies the 25 percent host country contribution required under the FAA. During the period of the proposed supplemental grant FY 75-78, AID will contribute \$881,000; the GOM will contribute \$2,700,000. During this period the grant will provide \$420,000 for construction/renovation and equipment costs for 14 provincial family planning centers, \$10,000 for training, \$416,000 for purchase of contraceptives, and \$35,000 for evaluation. (Details of AID inputs for this project are listed on page 18 of the attached Non-Capital Project Paper - PROP.)

It is expected that the family planning services delivery system will be well-established as a part of the existing health system by 1977.

The following criteria were used in appraising this project:

a) Institutional framework

In assisting the Moroccan Government to develop the capability of providing family planning services through the health system, this project will provide contraceptives and funding for the establishment of family planning centers. Other donors, including the UNFPA, will assist with other components of the developing program, such as training of family planning personnel, equipping of health dispensaries, and the development of informational materials. These coordinated efforts should do much to ensure the establishment of an institutional framework for the family planning program. (See PROP discussion of inputs by other donors, PROP pages 19-21.)

b) Technical soundness

The GOM program provides for training of all medical and paramedical personnel in provision of family planning information and services. The development of this large group of family planning workers, combined with the establishment of 830 family planning service points throughout the country, appears to be a practical step in making family planning services available to the target population.

c) Prognosis of project success

The project outputs have been reviewed and are judged to be reasonable for the period of time being considered. The proposed end-of-project conditions are also reasonable and attainable. However, as noted under the PROP "Conditions of Approval" (page 1), AID/W will review the project with the Mission within the next year to evaluate the GOM's capability to support the program beyond 1977 without further AID assistance. In addition, at the time of evaluation arrangements will be made for collection of additional data needed to measure the program's achievements.

This PROP has been reviewed and cleared by all AID bureaus concerned, including PPC, PHA, NESAs and GC.

Recommendation: It is recommended that you sign the attached Non-capital Project Paper (PROP) in order to keep the program moving in a country that occupies a high priority position for population/family planning assistance.

Attachment: Non-capital Project Paper (PROP)

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Clearance:

GC: CGladson 1/7. Date _____