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LOAN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE
ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

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LOAN AGREEMENT dated the 18th day of December 1975 between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ("A.I.D.") and the ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT (the "Borrower"),

ARTICLE I

The Loan

SECTION 1.01. The Loan. A.I.D. agrees to lend to the Borrower pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, an amount not to exceed one hundred million United States dollars (\$100,000,000) (the "Loan") for the foreign exchange costs of commodities and commodity-related services, as such services are defined by A.I.D. Regulation 1, needed to assist the Borrower to increase its industrial and agricultural production. Commodities and commodity-related services authorized to be financed hereunder are hereinafter referred to as "Eligible Items, as hereinafter more fully described in Section 4.04. The aggregate amount of disbursements under the Loan is hereinafter referred to as "Principal."

ARTICLE II

Loan Terms

SECTION 2.01. Interest. The Borrower shall pay to A.I.D. interest which shall accrue at the rate of two percent (2%) per annum for ten years following the date of the first disbursement hereunder and at the rate of three percent (3%) per annum thereafter on the outstanding balance of Principal and on any due and unpaid interest. Interest on the outstanding balance shall accrue from the date of each respective disbursement (as such date is defined in Section 5.03) and shall be computed on the basis of a 365-day year. Interest shall be payable semiannually. The first payment of interest shall be due and payable no later than six (6) months after the first disbursement hereunder, on a date to be specified by A.I.D.

SECTION 2.02. Repayment. The Borrower shall repay to A.I.D. the Principal within forty (40) years from the date of the first disbursement hereunder in sixty-one (61) approximately equal semiannual installments of Principal and interest. The first installment of Principal shall be payable nine and one-half (9-1/2) years after the date on which the first interest payment is due in accordance with Section 2.01. A.I.D. shall provide the Borrower with an amortization schedule in accordance with this Section after the final disbursement under the Loan.

SECTION 2.03. Application, Currency and Place of Payment. All payments of interest and Principal hereunder shall be made in United States dollars and shall be applied first to the payment of

interest due and then to the repayment of Principal. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise specify in writing, all such payments shall be made to the Controller, Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., and shall be deemed made when received by the Office of the Controller.

SECTION 2.04. Prepayment. Upon payment of all interest and refunds then due, the Borrower may prepay, without penalty, all or any part of the Principal. Any such prepayment shall be applied to the installments of Principal in the inverse order of their maturity.

SECTION 2.05. Renegotiation of the Terms of the Loan. The Borrower agrees to negotiate with A.I.D., at such time or times as A.I.D. may request, an acceleration of the repayment of the Loan in the event that there is any significant improvement in the internal and external economic and financial position and prospects of the country of the Borrower.

ARTICLE III

Conditions Precedent to Disbursement

SECTION 3.01. Conditions Precedent to Initial Disbursement.

Prior to any disbursement or to the issuance of any Letter of Commitment or other authorization of disbursement under the loan, the Borrower shall, except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, furnish to A.I.D. in form and substance satisfactory to A.I.D.:

(a) an opinion or opinions of the Minister of Justice of the Arab Republic of Egypt that this Agreement has been duly authorized and/or ratified by and executed on behalf of the Borrower and that it constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the Borrower in accordance with all of its terms;

(b) a statement of the names of the persons holding or acting in the office of the Borrower specified in Section 3.02 and a specimen signature of each person specified in such statement.

SECTION 3.02. Terminal Date for Meeting Conditions Precedent to Disbursement. If all the conditions specified in Section 3.01 shall not have been met within ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement or such later date as A.I.D. may agree to in writing, A.I.D., at its option, may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Borrower. In the event of a termination hereunder, upon the giving of notice the Borrower shall immediately repay the Principal then outstanding and shall pay any accrued interest and upon receipt of such payments in full, this Agreement and all obligations of the parties hereunder shall terminate.

SECTION 3.03. Notification of Maturity Conditions Precedent to Disbursement. A.I.D. shall notify the Borrower upon determination by A.I.D. that the conditions precedent to disbursement specified in Section 3.01 have been met.

ARTICLE IV

Procurement, Utilization, and Eligibility of Commodities

SECTION 4.01. A.I.D. Regulation 1. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise specify in writing, this Loan and the procurement and utilization of Eligible Items financed under it are subject to the terms and conditions of A.I.D. Regulation 1 as from time to time amended and in effect, which is incorporated and made a part hereof. If any provision of A.I.D. Regulation 1 is inconsistent with a provision of this Agreement, the provision of this Agreement shall govern.

SECTION 4.02. Source of Procurement. Except as A.I.D. may specify in Implementation Letters or Commodity Procurement Instructions, or as it may otherwise agree in writing, all Eligible Items shall have their source and origin in the United States of America.

SECTION 4.03. Date of Procurement. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, only those commodities licensed by the Borrower on or after the date that the first Letter of Commitment under this loan becomes operative, and services related to such commodities, shall be eligible for financing under this Loan.

SECTION 4.04. Eligible Items.

(a) The commodities eligible for financing under this Loan shall be those specified in the A.I.D. Commodity Eligibility Listing as set forth in the Implementation Letters and Commodity Procurement Instructions issued to Borrower. Commodity-related services as defined in A.I.D. Regulation 1 are eligible for financing

under this Loan. Other items shall become eligible for financing only with the written agreement of A.I.D. A.I.D. may decline to finance any specific commodity or commodity-related service when in its judgment such financing would be inconsistent with the purpose of the Loan or of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

(b) A.I.D. reserves the right in exceptional situations to delete commodity categories or items within commodity categories described by Schedule B codes on the Commodity Eligibility Listing. Such right will be exercised at a point in time no later than commodity prevalidation by A.I.D. (Form 11 approval) or, if no commodity prevalidation is required, no later than the date on which an irrevocable Letter of Credit is confirmed by a U.S. bank in favor of the supplier.

(c) If no prevalidation is required and payment is not by Letter of Credit, A.I.D. will exercise this right no later than the date on which it expends funds made available to the Borrower under this Agreement for the financing of the commodity. In any event, however, the Borrower will be notified through the A.I.D. Mission in its country of any decision by A.I.D. to exercise its right pursuant to a determination that financing the commodity would adversely affect A.I.D. or foreign-policy objectives of the United States or could jeopardize the safety or health of people in the importing country.

SECTION 4.05. Procurement for Public Sector. With respect to procurement hereunder by or for the Borrower, its departments and instrumentalities except public sector manufacturing undertakings:

(a) The provision of Section 201.22 of A.I.D.

Regulation 1 regarding competitive bid procedures shall apply unless A.I.D. otherwise agrees in writing, and

(b) Borrower will undertake to assure that public sector end-users under this Loan establish adequate logistic management facilities and that adequate funds are available to pay banking charges, customs, duties and other commodity-related charges in connection with commodities imported by public sector end-users.

SECTION 4.06. Financing Physical Facilities. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, not more than \$1,000,000 from the proceeds of this Loan shall be used for the purchase of commodities or commodity-related services for use in the construction, expansion, equipping, or alteration of any one physical facility or related physical facilities without prior A.I.D. approval, additional to the approvals required by A.I.D. Regulation 1. "Related physical facilities" shall mean those facilities which, taking into account such factors as functional interdependence, geographic proximity and ownership, constitute a single enterprise in the judgment of A.I.D.

SECTION 4.07. Utilization of Commodities.

(a) Borrower shall insure that commodities financed under this Agreement shall be effectively used for the purpose for which the assistance is made available. Such effective use shall include:

(i) The maintenance of accurate arrival and clearance records by customs authorities and the prompt processing of commodity imports through customs at ports of entry and removal from customs and/or customs-bonded warehouses of such commodities, the total time for which (from date commodities arrive at port of entry to date

importer removes them from customs) shall not exceed ninety (90) calendar days unless the importer is hindered by force majeure or A.I.D. otherwise agrees in writing;

(ii) The consumption or use not later than one (1) year from the date the commodities arrive at the port of entry unless a longer period can be justified to the satisfaction of A.I.D. by reason of force majeure or special market or other circumstances; and

(iii) The proper surveillance and supervision by Borrower to reduce breakage and pilferage in parts resulting from careless or deliberately improper cargo handling practices, as specified in detail in Implementation Letters.

(b) Borrower shall use its best efforts to prevent the use of commodities financed under this Agreement to promote or assist any project or activity associated with or financed by any country not included in Code 935 of the A.I.D. Geographic Code Book as in effect at the time of such projected use except with the prior written consent of A.I.D.

SECTION 4.08. Motor Vehicles. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, none of the proceeds of this Loan may be used to finance the purchase, sale, long-term lease, exchange or guaranty of a sale of motor vehicles unless such motor vehicles are manufactured in the United States.

SECTION 4.09. Minimum Size of Transactions. Except where authorized by A.I.D. in writing, no foreign exchange allocation or Letter of Credit issued pursuant to this Agreement shall be in an amount less than ten thousand Dollars (\$10,000). The minimum size of transaction restriction is not applicable for end-use importers.

SECTION 4.10. Procedures. A.I.D. will issue binding Implementation Letters and Commodity Procurement Instructions which will prescribe the procedures applicable in connection with the implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V

Disbursements

SECTION 5.01. Disbursement for United States Dollar Costs - Letters of Commitment to United States Banks. Upon satisfaction of conditions precedent, the Borrower may, from time to time, request A.I.D. to issue Letters of Commitment for specified amounts to one or more United States banks, satisfactory to A.I.D., committing A.I.D. to reimburse such bank or banks for payments made by them to the Borrower or any designee of the Borrower, through the use of Letters of Credit or otherwise, for costs of Eligible Items procured in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Payment by a bank to a contractor or supplier will be made by the bank upon presentation of such supporting documentation as A.I.D. may prescribe in Letters of Commitment and Implementation Letters. Banking charges incurred in connection with Letters of Commitment and Letters of Credit shall be for the account of the Borrower and may be financed under the Loan.

SECTION 5.02. Other Forms of Disbursement. Disbursements of the Loan may also be made through such other means and by such other procedures, as the Borrower and A.I.D. may agree to in writing.

SECTION 5.03. Date of Disbursement. Disbursements by A.I.D. shall be deemed to occur, in the case of disbursements pursuant to Section 5.01, on the date on which A.I.D. makes a disbursement to the Borrower, to its designee, or to a banking institution pursuant to a Letter of Commitment.

Section 5.04. Terminal Date for Requests for Letters of Commitment. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, no Letter of Commitment shall be issued in response to a request received after twelve (12) months from the date A.I.D. notifies the Borrower that the conditions precedent specified in Section 3.01 have been met.

SECTION 5.05. Terminal Date for Disbursement. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, no disbursement of loan funds shall be made against documentation submitted after eighteen (18) months from the date A.I.D. notifies the Borrower that the conditions precedent specified in Section 3.01 have been met.

SECTION 5.06. Documentation Requirements. A.I.D. Regulation 1 specifies in detail the documents required to substantiate disbursements under this Agreement by Letter of Commitment or other method of financing. The document number shown on the Letter of Commitment or other disbursing authorization document shall be the number reflected on all disbursement documents submitted to A.I.D. In addition to the above, Borrower shall maintain records adequate to establish that commodities financed hereunder have been utilized in accordance with Section 4.07 of this Agreement. Additional documents may also be required by A.I.D. with respect to specific commodities, as may be set forth in detail in Implementation Letters.

SECTION 5.07. Records. Borrower shall maintain or cause to be maintained in accordance with sound accounting principles and practices consistently applied such books and records relating to this Agreement as may be prescribed in Implementation Letters. Such books and records shall be made available to A.I.D. for such periods

and at such times as A.I.D. may require, and shall be maintained for five years after the date of last disbursement by A.I.D. under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

General Covenants and Warranties

SECTION 6.01. Reports. Borrower shall furnish to A.I.D. such information and reports relating to the goods and services financed by this Loan and the performance of Borrower's obligations under this Agreement as A.I.D. may request.

SECTION 6.02. Disclosure of Material Facts and Circumstances. The Borrower represents and warrants that all facts and circumstances that it has disclosed or caused to be disclosed to A.I.D. in the course of obtaining the Loan are accurate and complete, and that it has disclosed to A.I.D., accurately and completely, all facts and circumstances that might materially affect the Loan and the discharge of its obligation under this Agreement. The Borrower shall promptly inform A.I.D. of any facts and circumstances that may hereafter arise that might materially affect, or that it is reasonable to believe might materially affect, this Loan, or the discharge of the Borrower's obligations under this Agreement.

SECTION 6.03. Taxation. This Agreement, the Loan, and any evidence of indebtedness issued in connection herewith shall be free from, and the Principal and interest shall be paid without deduction for and free from, any taxation or fees imposed under the laws in effect within the country of the Borrower.

SECTION 6.04. Commissions, Fees and Other Payments.

(a) Borrower warrants and covenants that in connection with obtaining the Loan, or taking any action under or with respect to this Agreement, it has not paid, and will not pay or agree to pay, nor to the best of its knowledge has there been paid nor will there be paid or agreed to be paid by any other person or entity, commissions, fees, or other payments of any kind, except as regular compensation to the Borrower's full-time officers and employees or as compensation for bona fide professional, technical or comparable services. The Borrower shall promptly report to A.I.D. any payment or agreement to pay for such bona fide professional, technical, or comparable services to which it is a party or of which it has knowledge (indicating whether such payment has been made or is to be made on a contingent basis), and if the amount of any such payment is deemed unreasonable by A.I.D., the same shall be adjusted in a manner satisfactory to A.I.D.

(b) The Borrower warrants and covenants that no payments have been or will be received by the Borrower, or any official of the Borrower, in connection with the procurement of goods and services financed hereunder, except fees, taxes, or similar payments legally established in the country of the Borrower.

ARTICLE VII

Cancellation and Suspension

SECTION 7.01. Cancellation by the Borrower. The Borrower may, with the prior written consent of A.I.D., by written notice to A.I.D., cancel any part of the Loan (i) which, prior to the giving of such notice, A.I.D. has not disbursed or committed itself to disburse, or (ii) which has not then been utilized through the issuance of irrevocable Letters of Credit or through bank payments made other than under irrevocable Letters of Credit.

SECTION 7.02. Events of Default: Acceleration. If any one or more of the following events ("Events of Default") shall occur:

- (a) The Borrower shall have failed to pay when due any interest or installment of Principal required under this Agreement;
- (b) The Borrower shall have failed to comply with any other provision of this Agreement, including, but without limitation, the obligation to carry out the Program with due diligence and efficiency;
- (c) The Borrower shall have failed to pay when due any interest or any installment of Principal or any other payment required under any other loan agreement, any guaranty agreement, or any other agreement between the Borrower or any of its agencies and A.I.D., or any of its predecessor agencies,

then A.I.D. may at its option, give to the Borrower notice that all or any part of the unpaid Principal shall be due and payable sixty (60)

days thereafter, and, unless the Event of Default is cured within such sixty (60) days: (i) Such unrepaid Principal and any accrued interest hereunder shall be due and payable immediately; and (ii) the amount of any further disbursements made under then outstanding Irrevocable Letters of Credit or otherwise shall become due and payable as soon as made.

SECTION 7.03. Suspension of Disbursements, Transfer of Goods to A.I.D. In the event that at any time:

- (a) An Event of Default has occurred;
- (b) An event occurs which A.I.D. determines to be an extraordinary situation that makes it improbable either that the purpose of the Loan will be attained or that the Borrower will be able to perform its obligation under this Agreement; or
- (c) Any disbursement would be in violation of the legislation governing A.I.D.; then A.I.D., in addition to remedies provided in A.I.D. Regulation 1, at its option, may (i) decline to issue further Letters of Commitment or other disbursing authorization, (ii) suspend or cancel outstanding Letters of Commitment or other disbursing authorizations to the extent that they have not been utilized through the issuance of irrevocable Letters of Credit, or (iii) to the extent that A.I.D. has not made direct reimbursement to Borrower thereunder, giving notice to Borrower promptly thereafter, decline to make disbursements other than under Letters of Commitment; and (iv) at A.I.D.'s expense, direct that title to goods financed hereunder shall be transferred to A.I.D., if the goods are in a deliverable state and have not

been offloaded in ports of entry of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

(d) The Borrower shall have failed to pay when due any interest or any installment of principal or any other payment required under any other loan agreement, any guaranty agreement, or any other agreement between the Borrower or any of its agencies and the Government of the United States or any of its agencies.

SECTION 7.04. Cancellation by A.I.D. Following any suspension of disbursements pursuant to Section 7.03, if the cause or causes for such suspension of disbursements shall not have been eliminated or corrected within sixty (60) days from the date of such suspension, A.I.D. may, at its option, at any time or times thereafter, cancel all or any part of the Loan that is not then either disbursed or subject to irrevocable Letters of Credit.

SECTION 7.05. Continued Effectiveness of Agreement. Notwithstanding any cancellation, suspension of disbursement or acceleration of repayment, the provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect (as to any funds disbursed under this Loan) until the repayment in full of all Principal and any accrued interest hereunder.

SECTION 7.06. Refunds. In addition to any refund otherwise required by A.I.D. pursuant to A.I.D. Regulation 1, in the case of any disbursement not supported by valid documentation in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, or of any disbursement not made or used in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or is in violation of the laws governing A.I.D., A.I.D. may require the Borrower to refund such amount in United States dollars to A.I.D. within thirty (30) days

after receipt of a request therefor. Refunds paid by Borrower to A.I.D. resulting from violations of the terms of this Agreement shall be considered as a reduction in the amount of A.I.D.'s obligation under the Agreement, reducing the amount available for future disbursement, and shall not be available for reuse under the Agreement.

SECTION 7.07. Expenses of Collection. All reasonable costs incurred by A.I.D., other than salaries of its staff, in connection with the collection of any refund or in connection with amounts due A.I.D. by reason of the occurrence of any of the events specified in Section 7.02 may be charged to the Borrower and reimbursed to A.I.D. in such manner as A.I.D. may specify.

SECTION 7.08. Nonwaiver of Remedies. No delay in exercising or omission to exercise any right, power or remedy accruing to A.I.D. under this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any of such rights, powers or remedies.

ARTICLE VIII

Miscellaneous

SECTION 8.01. Communications. Any notice, request, document, or other communication given, made, or sent by the Borrower or A.I.D. pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing or by telegram, cable, or radiogram and shall be deemed to have been duly given, made, or sent to the party to which it is addressed when it shall be delivered to such party by hand or by mail, telegram, cable, or radiogram at the following addresses:

TO BORROWER:

Mail Address: Ministry of Economy and Economic
Cooperation
8 Adly Street
Cairo, Egypt

Cable Address: 8 Adly Street
Cairo, Egypt

TO A.I.D.:

Mail Address: United States Agency for
International Development
c/o U.S. Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

Cable Address: U.S. Embassy, Cairo

Other addresses may be substituted for the above upon the giving of notice. All notices, requests, communications, and documents submitted to A.I.D. hereunder shall be in English, except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing.

SECTION 8.02. Representatives. For all purposes relative to this Agreement, the Borrower will be represented by the individual holding or acting in the office of Minister of Economy and Economic Cooperation, and A.I.D. will be represented by the individual holding or acting in the office of A.I.D. Representative, Cairo, Egypt. Such individuals shall have the authority to designate additional representatives by written notice. In the event of any replacement or other designation of a representative hereunder, Borrower shall submit a statement of the representative's name and specimen signature in form and substance satisfactory to A.I.D. Until receipt by A.I.D. of written notice of revocation of the authority of any of the duly authorized representatives of the Borrower designated pursuant to this Section, it may accept the signature of any such representative or representatives on any instrument as conclusive evidence that any action effected by such instrument is duly authorized.

SECTION 8.03. Implementation Letters. A.I.D. shall from time to time issue Implementation Letters that will prescribe the procedures applicable hereunder in connection with the implementation of this Agreement.

SECTION 8.04. Promissory Notes. At such time or times as A.I.D. may request, the Borrower shall issue promissory notes or such other evidences of indebtedness with respect to the Loan, in such form, containing such terms and supported by such legal opinions as A.I.D. may reasonably request.

SECTION 8.05. Termination Upon Full Payment. Upon payment in full of the Principal and of any accrued interest, this Agreement and all obligations of the Borrower and A.I.D. under this Loan Agreement shall terminate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Borrower and the United States of America, each acting through its respective duly authorized representative, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their names and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By: /s/ H.Z. Shafiq

By: /s/ Hermann Fr. Eilert

Title: Minister of Economy

Title: American Ambassador