

No. 5977

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
and
COSTA RICA**

**Guarantee Agreement—*Rio Macho Hydroelectric Project*
(with annexed Loan Regulations No. 4 and Loan Agree-
ment between the Bank and Instituto Costarricense de
Electricidad). Signed at Washington, on 3 February
1961**

Official text: English.

*Registered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on 28 November
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**BANQUE INTERNATIONALE POUR
LA RECONSTRUCTION ET LE DÉVELOPPEMENT
et
COSTA RICA**

**Contrat de garantie—*Projet hydro-électrique du Rio Macho*
(avec, en annexe, le Règlement n° 4 sur les emprunts
et le Contrat d'emprunt entre la Banque et l'Instituto
Costarricense de Electricidad). Signé à Washington,
le 3 février 1961**

Texte officiel anglais.

*Enregistré par la Banque internationale pour la reconstruction et le développement le
28 novembre 1961.*

No. 5977. GUARANTEE AGREEMENT¹ (*RIO MACHO HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT*) BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 3 FEBRUARY 1961

AGREEMENT, dated February 3, 1961, between REPUBLICA DE COSTA RICA (hereinafter called the Guarantor) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (hereinafter called the Bank).

WHEREAS by an agreement of even date herewith between the Bank and Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad (hereinafter called the Borrower), which agreement and the schedules therein referred to are hereinafter called the Loan Agreement,² the Bank has agreed to make to the Borrower a loan in various currencies equivalent to eight million, eight hundred thousand dollars (\$8,800,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, but only on condition that the Guarantor agree to guarantee the obligations of the Borrower in respect of such loan as hereinafter provided ; and

WHEREAS the Guarantor, in consideration of the Bank's entering into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower, has agreed so to guarantee such obligations of the Borrower ;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows :

Article I

Section 1.01. The parties to this Guarantee Agreement accept all the provisions of Loan Regulations No. 4 of the Bank dated June 15, 1956,² subject, however, to the modifications thereof set forth in Schedule 3³ to the Loan Agreement (said Loan Regulations No. 4 as so modified being hereinafter called the Loan Regulations), with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein.

Section 1.02. Wherever used in this Agreement, unless the context shall otherwise require, the several terms defined in the Loan Agreement shall have the respective meanings therein set forth.

¹ Came into force on 14 July 1961, upon notification by the Bank to the Government of Costa Rica.

² See p. 322 of this volume.

³ See p. 342 of this volume.

Article II

Section 2.01. Without limitation or restriction upon any of the other covenants on its part in this Agreement contained, the Guarantor hereby unconditionally guarantees, as primary obligor and not as surety merely, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and the interest and other charges on, the Loan, the principal of and interest on the Bonds, the premium, if any, on the prepayment of the Loan or the redemption of the Bonds, and the punctual performance of all the covenants and agreements of the Borrower, all as set forth in the Loan Agreement and in the Bonds.

Section 2.02. Without limitation or restriction upon the provisions of Section 2.01 of this Agreement, the Guarantor specifically undertakes, whenever there is reasonable cause to believe that the funds available to the Borrower will be inadequate to meet the estimated expenditures required for carrying out the Project, to make arrangements satisfactory to the Bank, promptly to provide the Borrower or cause the Borrower to be provided with such funds as are needed to meet such expenditures.

Article III

Section 3.01. It is the mutual intention of the Guarantor and the Bank that no other external debt shall enjoy any priority over the Loan by way of a lien on governmental assets. To that end, the Guarantor undertakes that, except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, if any lien shall be created on any assets of the Guarantor as security for any external debt, such lien will *ipso facto* equally and ratably secure the payment of the principal of, and interest and other charges on, the Loan and the Bonds, and that in the creation of any such lien express provision will be made to that effect ; provided, however, that the foregoing provisions of this Section shall not apply to : (i) any lien created on property, at the time of purchase thereof, solely as security for the payment of the purchase price of such property ; or (ii) any lien arising in the ordinary course of banking transactions and securing a debt maturing not more than one year after its date.

The term "assets of the Guarantor" as used in this Section includes assets of the Guarantor or of any of its political subdivisions or of any agency of the Guarantor or of any such political subdivision, including the Banco Central de Costa Rica.

Section 3.02. (a) The Guarantor and the Bank shall cooperate fully to assure that the purposes of the Loan will be accomplished. To that end, each of them shall furnish to the other all such information as it shall reasonably request with regard to the general status of the Loan. On the part of the Guarantor, such information shall include information with respect to financial and economic conditions in the territories of the Guarantor and the international balance of payments position of the Guarantor.

(b) The Guarantor and the Bank shall from time to time exchange views through their representatives with regard to matters relating to the purposes of the Loan and the maintenance of the service thereof. The Guarantor shall promptly inform the Bank of any condition which interferes with, or threatens to interfere with, the accomplishment of the purposes of the Loan or the maintenance of the service thereof.

(c) The Guarantor shall afford all reasonable opportunity for accredited representatives of the Bank to visit any part of the territories of the Guarantor for purposes related to the Loan.

Section 3.03. The principal of, and interest and other charges on, the Loan and the Bonds shall be paid without deduction for, and free from, any taxes or fees imposed under the laws of the Guarantor or laws in effect in its territories ; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to taxation of, or fees upon, payments under any Bond to a holder thereof other than the Bank when such Bond is beneficially owned by an individual or corporate resident of the Guarantor.

Section 3.04. This Agreement, the Loan Agreement, the Mortgage and the Bonds shall be free from any taxes or fees that shall be imposed under the laws of the Guarantor or laws in effect in its territories on or in connection with the execution, issue, delivery or registration thereof.

Section 3.05. The principal of, and interest and other charges on, the Loan and the Bonds shall be paid free from all restrictions imposed under the laws of the Guarantor or laws in effect in its territories.

Section 3.06. The Guarantor shall take all such action within its power as will be necessary to enable the Borrower to obtain, and shall not take any action which would prevent the Borrower from obtaining, from time to time such adjustments in its rates as will provide revenues sufficient : (a) to cover operating expenses, including adequate maintenance and depreciation, taxes and interest ; (b) to meet repayments on Long-term Indebtedness but only to the extent that such repayments shall exceed provision for depreciation ; and (c) to create a surplus for financing a reasonable portion of planned expansion of its power facilities.

Article IV

Section 4.01. The Guarantor shall endorse, in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Regulations, its guarantee on the Bonds to be executed and delivered by the Borrower. The *Ministro de Economía y Hacienda* of the Guarantor and such person or persons as he shall designate in writing are designated as the authorized representatives of the Guarantor for the purposes of Section 6.12 (b) of the Loan Regulations.

Article V

Section 5.01. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 8.01 of the Loan Regulations :

For the Guarantor :

Ministro de Economía y Hacienda
San José
Costa Rica

Alternative address for cablegrams and radiograms :

Mineconomia
San José

For the Bank :

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.
United States of America

Alternative address for cablegrams and radiograms :

Intbafrad
Washington, D. C.

Section 5.02. The *Ministro de Economía y Hacienda* of the Guarantor is designated for the purposes of Section 8.03 of the Loan Regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Guarantee Agreement to be signed in their respective names and delivered in the District of Columbia, United States of America, as of the day and year first above written.

Republica de Costa Rica :

By M. G. ESCALANTE
Authorized Representative

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development :

By J. Burke KNAPP
Vice President