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No. 6076. GUARANTEE AGREEMENT¹ (*IRRIGATION PROGRAM*) BETWEEN THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 16 JANUARY 1961

AGREEMENT, dated January 16, 1961 between UNITED MEXICAN STATES (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 Nacional Financiera, S. A., (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 fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, but only on condition that the Guarantor agree to enter into this Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Guarantor, in consideration of the Bank's entering into the Loan Agreement has agreed to enter into this Agreement;

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 2³ 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.

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

¹ Came into force on 8 November 1961, upon notification by the Bank to the Government of Mexico.

² See p. 216 of this volume.

³ See p. 226 of this volume.

and punctual payment of the principal of, and the interest and other charges on, the Loan, the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and the premium, if any, on the prepayment of the Loan or the redemption of the Bonds, all as set forth in the Loan Agreement and in the Bonds.

Article III

Section 3.01. (a) The Guarantor shall cause the Project described in schedule 1¹ to this Agreement to be carried out and operated with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with sound engineering, agricultural and financial standards and practices.

(b) The Guarantor shall exercise every right and recourse available to it to cause to be taken all such action as shall be required to assure that no use, other than for domestic uses, will reduce the amounts of water available for irrigation purposes on the Project below the amounts needed therefor.

(c) The Guarantor shall continue to take all such action as shall be required to assure that the land included in the Project and the water made available therefor are to the maximum extent possible fully, effectively and promptly utilized.

(d) The Guarantor shall cause all works and facilities included in the Project to be adequately maintained and repaired in accordance with sound engineering and agricultural practices and standards and shall cause all dams, canals, structures and other works and facilities not included in the Project but necessary to the proper and efficient operation thereof to be operated and adequately maintained and repaired in accordance with such practices and standards.

(e) The Guarantor shall, in accordance with its laws, cause the water charges levied for operation and maintenance of the Project to be set and maintained at levels necessary to provide (a) revenues sufficient to cover all operating and maintenance costs and (b) reasonable reserves for repair of damage to the Project caused by floods or other hazards.

(f) Except as the Guarantor and the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Guarantor shall, in the carrying out of the Project, utilize the services of a drainage expert or experts acceptable to, and to an extent and upon terms and conditions satisfactory to, the Guarantor and the Bank.

(g) Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Guarantor shall cause the public works included in the Project to be constructed or rehabilitated and improved by contractors satisfactory to the Guarantor and the Bank employed under contracts providing therefor.

¹ See p. 226 of this volume.

(h) Upon request from time to time by the Bank, the Guarantor shall promptly furnish or cause to be furnished to the Bank the plans, specifications and work schedules for the Project and any material modifications subsequently made therein, in such detail as the Bank shall request.

(i) The Guarantor shall at all times make available promptly as needed all sums which shall be required for the carrying out and operation of the Project.

(j) The Guarantor shall maintain or cause to be maintained records adequate to identify the goods financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, to disclose the use thereof in the Project, to record the progress of the Project (including the cost thereof), to show the results achieved by irrigation of the land included in the Project and to reflect in accordance with consistently maintained sound accounting practices the operations and financial condition with respect to the Project of the agency or agencies of the Guarantor responsible for the carrying out of the Project or any part thereof; shall enable the Bank's representatives to inspect the Project, the goods and any relevant records and documents; and shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Bank all such information as the Bank shall reasonably request concerning the expenditure of the proceeds of the Loan, the Project, and the goods, and the operations and financial condition with respect to the Project of the agency or agencies of the Guarantor responsible for the carrying out of the Project or any part thereof.

Section 3.02. Except as the Guarantor and the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Guarantor shall cause all goods financed out of the proceeds of the Loan to be used in the territories of the Guarantor exclusively in the carrying out of the Project.

Section 3.03. 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.

As used in this Section (a) the term "assets of the Guarantor" includes assets of the Guarantor or of any of its political subdivisions or of any Agency and (b) the term "Agency" means any agency or instrumentality of the Guar-

antor or of any political subdivision of the Guarantor and shall include any institution or organization which is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the Guarantor or by any political subdivision of the Guarantor or the operations of which are conducted primarily in the interest of or for account of the Guarantor or any political subdivision of the Guarantor.

Section 3.04. (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 threaten to interfere with, the accomplishment of the purposes of the Loan or the maintenance of the service thereof or materially affects the carrying out of the Project.

(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 3.05. 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 3.06. This Agreement, the Loan Agreement 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 3.07. 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 3.08. The Guarantor shall satisfy the Bank that adequate arrangements have been made to insure the goods financed out of the proceeds of the Loan against risks incident to their purchase and importation to the sites of the Project.