

No. 8258

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
and
ETHIOPIA**

**Guarantee Agreement—*Third Telecommunications Project*
(with annexed Loan Regulations No. 4 and Loan Agreement between the Bank and the Imperial Board of Telecommunications of Ethiopia). Signed at Washington, on 28 December 1965**

Official text : English.

Registered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on 18 July 1966.

**BANQUE INTERNATIONALE POUR
LA RECONSTRUCTION ET LE DÉVELOPPEMENT
et
ÉTHIOPIE**

Contrat de garantie—*Troisième projet relatif aux télécommunications* (avec, en annexe, le Règlement n° 4 sur les emprunts et le Contrat d'emprunt entre la Banque et l'Office impérial des télécommunications d'Éthiopie). Signé à Washington, le 28 décembre 1965

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par la Banque internationale pour la reconstruction et le développement le 18 juillet 1966.

No. 8258. GUARANTEE AGREEMENT¹ (*THIRD TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT*) BETWEEN THE EMPIRE OF ETHIOPIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 28 DECEMBER 1965

AGREEMENT, dated December 28, 1965, between EMPIRE OF ETHIOPIA (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 Imperial Board of Telecommunications of Ethiopia (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 four million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$4,800,000) 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 February 15, 1961² subject to the modification thereof set forth in 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 2 May 1966, upon notification by the Bank to the Government of Ethiopia.

² See p. 238 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 ; (ii) any lien on commercial goods to secure a debt maturing not more than one year after the date on which it is originally incurred and to be paid out of the proceeds of sale of such commercial goods ; or (iii) 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 National Bank of Ethiopia or any other institution performing the functions of a central bank.

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 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 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 and the Bonds shall be free from any taxes 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 : (i) to cover operating expenses, including taxes, if any, adequate maintenance and depreciation, and interest ; (ii) to meet repayments on any indebtedness but only to the extent that such repayments shall exceed provision for depreciation ; and (iii) to produce a return on investment sufficient to finance a reasonable portion of the cost of expansion of telecommunication services consistent with the overall needs of the economy of the Guarantor. For the purpose of this Section the term "indebtedness" shall mean debt maturing by its terms more than one year after the date on which it is originally incurred.

Section 3.07. The Guarantor shall cause the Charter of the Board to be at all times, in form and substance, such as will, in the opinion of the Bank, be required to enable the Board properly to construct and operate the Project.

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 Minister of Finance 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 :

Ministry of Finance
Post Office Box 1905
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Alternative address for cablegrams and radiograms :

Ministry of Finance
Addis Ababa

For the Bank :

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Alternative address for cablegrams and radiograms :

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Washington, D.C.

Section 5.02. The Minister of Finance or the Vice-Minister of Finance of the Guarantor is designated for the purposes of Section 8.03 of the Loan Regulations.