

No. 8477

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

Guarantee Agreement—*Development Finance Company Project* (with related letter, annexed Loan Regulations No. 4 and Loan Agreement between the Bank and the Société nationale d'investissement). Signed at Washington, on 16 May 1966

Official text of the Agreement and annexes: English.

Official text of the letter relating to the Guarantee Agreement: French.

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

Contrat de garantie — *Projet de société financière de développement* (avec lettre y relative et, en annexe, le Règlement n° 4 sur les emprunts et le Contrat d'emprunt entre la Banque et la Société nationale d'investissement). Signé à Washington, le 16 mai 1966

Texte officiel du Contrat et des annexes: anglais.

Texte officiel de la lettre relative au Contrat de garantie: français.

Enregistré par la Banque internationale pour la reconstruction et le développement le 20 décembre 1966.

No. 8477. GUARANTEE AGREEMENT¹ (*DEVELOPMENT FINANCE COMPANY PROJECT*) BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 16 MAY 1966

AGREEMENT, dated May 16, 1966, between REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA (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 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 five million dollars (\$5,000,000), on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, but only on condition that the Guarantor agree to guarantee the payment of the principal of and interest and other charges on such loan; 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, 1961,² subject, however, to the modifications thereof set forth in Schedule 2 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. The terms defined in the Loan Agreement shall have the same meaning 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 and

¹ Came into force on 11 July 1966, upon notification by the Bank to the Government of Tunisia.

² See p. 164 of this volume.

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. 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 Central Bank of Tunisia 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 shall 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 Guarantee 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 not amend the Government Agreement without the approval of the Bank.

Section 3.07. The Guarantor covenants that it will not take, cause or permit to be taken, any action which would prevent or materially interfere with the carrying on by the Borrower of its operations and affairs in accordance with sound financial and investment standards and practices, or with the performance by the Borrower of its obligations under the Loan Agreement.

Section 3.08. The Guarantor shall make arrangements, satisfactory to the Bank, to protect the Borrower against any loss in connection with the payment of interest or other charges on or the repayment of principal of the Loan or the Bonds as a result of a change in the rate of exchange between Dinars and the foreign currency or currencies in which such payments are to be made.

Article IV

Section 4.01. The Guarantor shall endorse, in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Agreement and of the Loan Regulations, its guarantee on the Bonds to be executed and delivered by the Borrower. The Secrétaire d'État au Plan et à l'Économie Nationale 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 :

Secrétariat d'État au Plan et à l'Économie Nationale
Place du Gouvernement
Tunis, Tunisia

Alternative address for cablegrams and radiograms :

Secrétariat d'État au Plan et à l'Économie Nationale
Tunis, Tunisia

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 Secrétaire d'État au Plan et à l'Économie Nationale of the Guarantor is designated for the purposes of Section 8.03 of the Loan Regulations.

Section 5.03. If the Loan Agreement terminates pursuant to Section 7.03 thereof, this Guarantee Agreement and all obligations of the parties hereunder shall terminate.

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.

Republic of Tunisia :

By Rachid DRISS
Authorized Representative

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development :

By George D. WOODS
President