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and
GHANA

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No. 8842. AGREEMENT[1] BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA ON A DANISH GOVERNMENT LOAN TO GHANA. SIGNED AT ACCRA, ON 9 AUGUST 1967

The Government of Denmark and the Government of Ghana desiring to strengthen the traditional co-operation and cordial relations between their countries, have agreed that, as a contribution to Ghana's Development Plans, a Danish Government Loan will be extended to Ghana in accordance with the following provisions of this Agreement and the Annex attached, which is considered an integral part of the Agreement :

Article I

The Loan

The Government of Denmark (hereinafter called the Lender) agrees to make available to the Government of Ghana (hereinafter called the Borrower) a development Loan in an amount of twenty million Danish Kroner for the realization of the purposes described in Article VI of this Agreement.

Article II

Loan Account

Section 1. An account designated " Government of Ghana Loan Account " (hereinafter called " Loan Account ") will be opened with Danmarks Nationalbank (acting as agent for the Lender) in favour of the Bank of Ghana (acting as agent for the Borrower). The Lender will ensure that sufficient funds are always available in the Loan Account to enable the Borrower to effect punctual payment for goods and services procured under this Loan, provided that the amounts successively made available to the Borrower shall not, in the aggregate, exceed the Loan amount specified in Article I.

Section 2. The Bank of Ghana (acting as agent for the Borrower) shall be entitled, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, to withdraw from the Loan Account amounts needed for payment of equipment or services procured under the Loan.

[1] Came into force on 9 August 1967, upon signature, in accordance with section 1 of article XI.

Article III

RATE OF INTEREST

The Loan will be free of interest.

Article IV

REPAYMENT

Section 1. The Borrower will repay to the Lender the principal of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account in thirty-five semi-annual instalments of 550,000 Danish Kroner each, commencing on 30th September 1974 and ending on 30th September 1991 and one final instalment of 750,000 Danish Kroner on 31st March 1992.

Section 2. The Borrower has the right to repay in advance of maturity all or any part of the principal amount of one or more maturities of the Loan specified by the Borrower with such variations in the amount of instalments as may thereby be rendered necessary.

Article V

PLACE OF PAYMENT

The principal of the Loan will be repaid by the Borrower in convertible Danish Kroner to Danmarks Nationalbank to the credit of the current account of the Ministry of Finance with Danmarks Nationalbank.

Article VI

USE OF THE LOAN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA

Section 1. The Borrower will use the proceeds of the Loan to finance imports (including transport charges) from Denmark to Ghana of such Danish capital equipment for the implementation of Ghana's Development Plans involving important Danish contributions as will be agreed upon between the Lender and the Borrower.

Section 2. The proceeds of the Loan may also be used to pay for Danish Services required for the implementation of Ghana's Development Plans, including, in particular, pre-investment studies, preparation of projects and the provision of consultants during the implementation of the projects, assembly or construction of plants or buildings, technical and administrative assistance during the initial period of the undertakings established by means of the Loan.

Section 3. The Borrower will cause the proceeds of the Loan to be applied exclusively to the provision of goods and services needed to implement contracts approved by both Parties. The particulars of the methods and procedures for the payment of such goods and services, beyond those already set forth in Article II, shall be determined by agreement between Borrower and Lender.

Section 4. The concurrence of the Lender as to the eligibility of a contract under the Loan shall not be interpreted in such a manner as to imply that the Lender takes upon him any responsibility for the proper implementation or subsequent operation of such contracts.

Section 5. The terms of payment stipulated in contracts or documentation to the effect that an order has been placed with a Danish exporter or contractor for supplies or services of the nature described above shall be considered as normal and proper whenever such contracts contain no clauses involving special credit facilities from Danish exporters or contractors.

Section 6. The proceeds of the Loan may be used only for payment of supplies and services contracted for after the entry into force of the Agreement.

Section 7. The Borrower may draw on the Loan Account with Danmarks Nationalbank referred to in Article II for up to three years after the entry into force of the Agreement or such other date as shall be agreed by the Lender and the Borrower.

Section 8. If the proceeds of the Loan have not been fully utilized within the time limit stipulated in Section 7 above, the semi-annual repayments shall be reduced by a proportion equal to the ratio between the unutilized amount of the Loan and the principal of the Loan.

Article VII

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Section 1. In regard to the repayment of the Loan, the Borrower undertakes to give the Lender no less favourable treatment than that accorded to other foreign creditors.

Section 2. All shipments of equipment covered by this Agreement shall be in keeping with the principle of free circulation of ships in international trade in free and fair competition.

Article VIII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. Prior to the first drawing against the Loan Account referred to in Article II the Borrower will satisfy the Lender that all constitutional requirements and other requirements laid down by statute in the Borrower's home country have been met so that this Loan Agreement will constitute a valid obligation binding on the Borrower in the terms of the Loan Agreement.

Section 2. The Borrower will furnish to the Lender evidence of the authority of the person or persons who will, on behalf of the Borrower, take any action or execute any documents under this Agreement, and authenticated specimen signatures of all such persons.

Section 3. Any notice or request under this Agreement and any agreement between the Parties contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing. Such notice or request shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when it has been delivered by hand or by mail, telegram, cable or radiogram to the Party at such Party's address specified in Article XII, or at such address as such Party shall have indicated by notice to the Party giving such notice or making such request.

Article IX

Particular Covenants

The principal of the Loan shall be repaid without deduction for, and free from, any taxes and charges, and free from all restrictions imposed under the laws of the Borrower. This Agreement shall be free from any present and future taxes imposed under the laws of the Borrower, or laws in effect in its territories on or in connection with the execution, issue, delivery or registration thereof.

Article X

Applicable Law

Unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement, the Agreement and all the rights and obligations deriving from it shall be governed by Danish law.

Article XI

Duration of the Agreement

Section 1. This Agreement shall come into force on the date of signature.

Section 2. When the entire principal amount of the Loan has been repaid, the Agreement shall terminate forthwith.