

No. 9614

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

Guarantee Agreement—*Second Development Finance Companies Project* (with annexed Loan Regulations No. 4, as amended, Loan Agreement between the Bank and the Banco de la República, and Project Agreements between the Bank, on the one hand, and the Corporación Financiera de Caldas, the Corporación Financiera Colombiana, the Corporación Financiera Nacional, the Corporación Financiera del Norte, the Corporación Financiera del Valle, respectively, on the other hand). Signed at Washington on 22 May 1968

Authentic text : English.

Registered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on 7 June 1969.

GUARANTEE AGREEMENT¹

AGREEMENT, dated May 22, 1968, between REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA (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 Banco de la República (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 twelve million five hundred thousand dollars (\$12,500,000), 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;

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; and

WHEREAS by project agreements of even date herewith between the Bank, as party of the first part, and the Corporación Financiera de Caldas,³ the Corporación Financiera Colombiana,⁴ the Corporación Financiera Nacional,⁴ the Corporación Financiera del Norte⁴ and the Corporación Financiera del Valle,⁴ as parties of the second part respectively, said parties of the second part have undertaken certain obligations to the Bank relating to the carrying out of the project described in the Loan 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 February 15, 1961 as amended February 9, 1967⁵ 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.

¹ Came into force on 30 September 1968, upon notification by the Bank to the Government of Colombia.

² See p. 240 of this volume.

³ See p. 266 of this volume.

⁴ See p. 278 of this volume.

⁵ See p. 240 of this volume.

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

Article II

Section 2.01. Without limitation or restriction upon any of the other covenants on its part in this Guarantee 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 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.

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.

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 or of the Borrower or any other institution acting as the central bank of the Guarantor, and (b) the term "Agency" means any agency or instrumentality of the Guarantor 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 3.02. (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, and free from all restrictions, 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, the Project Agreements 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 Guarantor covenants that it will not take or permit any of its political subdivisions or any of its agencies or any agency of any political subdivision to take any action which would prevent or interfere with the performance by the Borrower and the Financieras of any of the respective covenants, agreements and obligations of the Borrower and the Financieras in the Loan Agreement, the Project Agreements and the Subsidiary Loan Agreements¹ contained, and will take or cause to be taken all reasonable action which shall be necessary in order to enable the Borrower and the Financieras to perform such covenants, agreements and obligations.

¹ See footnote ¹ on p. 250 of this volume.

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 and Public Credit 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 :

Republic of Colombia
Ministerio de Hacienda y Crédito Público
Palacio de los Ministerios, Plaza San Agustín
Bogotá, Colombia
Cable address :
Minhacienda
Bogotá

For the Bank :

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

Section 5.02. The Minister of Finance and Public Credit 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.

Republic of Colombia :

By José CAMACHO

Authorized Representative

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development :

By Robert S. McNAMARA

President