GRANT PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

With a view to strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation which bind them, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the French Republic have agreed to conclude the present protocol to foster the economic development of the Philippines.

ARTICLE 1 - EXTENT AND PURPOSE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The French Government grants the Government of the Republic of the Philippines a grant designed to finance projects included in the economic development priorities of the Republic of the Philippines. The said grant shall not exceed 1,73 MFF (ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY THOUSAND FRENCH FRANCS) and shall be used to finance the purchase of French goods and services related to the implementation of the projects listed in the annex herein.

For this project, the Philippine Government can decide that the financial support from the French Government shall be provided directly to a Government corporation of its choice.

ARTICLE 2 - CONDITIONS GOVERNING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

For these projects, an agreement between either the governmental corporation designated by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines to receive the French financial support, or the Department of Finance of the Philippines acting in the name and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and Credit National, acting in the name and on behalf of the Government of the French Republic, shall define the mechanisms of utilisation of the French Treasury grant.

ARTICLE 3 - CURRENCY OF ACCOUNT AND PAYMENT

All transactions under the terms of the present protocol shall be carried out in French francs.

ARTICLE 4 - IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE AND EXPIRY DATE OF THE FRENCH FINANCING

In order to qualify for the financial support provided for in Article 1 herein, contracts must be concluded by 30 September, 1995 at the latest, and the final decision for qualification for financing under the terms of the present protocol will have to be made three months after this date at the latest.

No drawing on the French Treasury financing provided by the present protocol shall be made after 30 September, 1997. This date shall not be extended except by special agreement between the two Governments in the event of exceptional difficulties.

ARTICLE 5 - FREIGHT AND INSURANCE

Freight and insurance are considered as French services when: