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**International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
and
Dominican Republic**

Loan Agreement (Performance and Accountability of Social Sectors Second Development Policy Loan) between the Dominican Republic and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (with schedules, appendix and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development General Conditions for Loans, dated 31 July 2010). Washington, 23 November 2010

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Accord de prêt (Deuxième prêt relatif à la politique de développement de la performance et à la responsabilité des secteurs sociaux) entre la République dominicaine et la Banque internationale pour la reconstruction et le développement (avec annexes, appendice et Conditions générales applicables aux prêts de la Banque internationale pour la reconstruction et le développement, en date du 31 juillet 2010). Washington, 23 novembre 2010

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LOAN NUMBER 7972-DO

Loan Agreement

**(Performance and Accountability of Social Sectors Second
Development Policy Loan)**

between

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

and

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT**

Dated November 23, 2010

LOAN AGREEMENT

Agreement dated November 23, 2010, entered into between DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (“Borrower”) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (“Bank”) for the purpose of providing financing in support of the Program (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement). The Bank has decided to provide this financing on the basis, *inter alia*, of (a) the actions which the Borrower has already taken under the Program and which are described in Section I of Schedule 1 to this Agreement, and (b) the Borrower’s maintenance of an appropriate macroeconomic policy framework. The Borrower and the Bank therefore hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

- 1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II — LOAN

- 2.01. The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, the amount of one hundred and fifty million Dollars (\$150,000,000), as such amount may be converted from time to time through a Currency Conversion in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of this Agreement (“Loan”).
- 2.02. The Borrower may withdraw the proceeds of the Loan in support of the Program in accordance with Section II of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Front-end Fee payable by the Borrower shall be equal to one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the Loan amount.
- 2.04. The interest payable by the Borrower for each Interest Period shall be at a rate equal to the Reference Rate for the Loan Currency plus the Fixed Spread; provided, that upon a Conversion of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, the interest payable by the Borrower during the Conversion Period on such amount shall be determined in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any amount of the Withdrawn Loan Balance remains unpaid when due and such non-payment continues for a period of thirty days, then the interest payable by the Borrower shall instead be calculated as provided in Section 3.02 (e) of the General Conditions.

- 2.05. The Payment Dates are March 15 and September 15 in each year.
- 2.06. The principal amount of the Loan shall be repaid in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.07. (a) The Borrower may at any time request any of the following Conversions of the terms of the Loan in order to facilitate prudent debt management: (i) a change of the Loan Currency of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, withdrawn or unwithdrawn, to an Approved Currency; (ii) a change of the interest rate basis applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from a Variable Rate to a Fixed Rate, or vice versa, or from a Variable Rate based on a Variable Spread to a Variable Rate based on a Fixed Rate; and (iii) the setting of limits on the Variable Rate applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding by the establishment of an Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar on the Variable Rate.
- (b) Any conversion requested pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section that is accepted by the Bank shall be considered a “Conversion”, as defined in the General Conditions, and shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions and of the Conversion Guidelines.
- (c) Promptly following the Execution Date for an Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar for which the Borrower has requested that the premium be paid out of the proceeds of the Loan, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and pay to itself the amounts required to pay any premium payable in accordance with Section 4.05 (c) of the General Conditions up to the amount allocated from time to time for the purpose in the table in Section II of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
- 2.08. Without limitation upon the provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 2.07 of this Agreement and unless otherwise notified by the Borrower to the Bank in accordance with the provisions of the Conversion Guidelines, the interest rate basis applicable to consecutive withdrawals from the Loan Account which in the aggregate equal fifteen million Dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be converted from the initial Variable Rate to a Fixed Rate for the full maturity of such amount in accordance with the provisions of the General Conditions and of the Conversion Guidelines.
- 2.09. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 5.08 of the General Conditions (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 4 of Section II of the Appendix to this

Agreement and relating to *Cooperation and Consultation*), the Borrower shall promptly furnish to the Bank such information relating to the provisions of this Article II as the Bank may, from time to time, reasonably request.

ARTICLE III — PROGRAM

- 3.01. The Borrower declares its commitment to the Program and its implementation. To this end, and further to Section 5.08 of the General Conditions:
- (a) the Borrower and the Bank shall from time to time, at the request of either party, exchange views on the Borrower's macroeconomic policy framework and the progress achieved in carrying out the Program;
 - (b) prior to each such exchange of views, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank for its review and comment a report on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program, in such detail as the Bank shall reasonably request; and
 - (c) without limitation upon the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section, the Borrower shall promptly inform the Bank of any situation that would have the effect of materially reversing the objectives of the Program or any action taken under the Program including any action specified in Section I of Schedule I to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV — REMEDIES OF THE BANK

- 4.01. The Additional Events of Suspension consists of, namely, that a situation has arisen which shall make it improbable that the Program, or a significant part of it, will be carried out.
- 4.02. The Additional Event of Acceleration consists of, namely, that the event specified in Section 4.01 of this Agreement occurs.

ARTICLE V — TERMINATION

- 5.01. Without prejudice to the provisions of the General Conditions, the Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this agreement, but in no case later than the eighteen (18) months after the Bank's approval of the Loan which expire on May 18, 2012.