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INDIA - *important*

It is just over three years since I last came to India and much has happened since that time, not least in economic development. <sup>*During this visit, I hope*</sup> ~~This time, I~~ <sup>*understand that you*</sup> ~~wish~~ to see and hear more of the progress you have made in a field that has attracted the central thrust of your national endeavors since I independence.

India occupies a position of truly exceptional importance in the global development effort. Its importance arises not only from being a country of great size and diversity that represents one-seventh of the human race; it <sup>*arises no less from the fact that, for more than two decades, this nation*</sup> ~~arises no less from the fact that, for more than two decades, this nation~~ has been a <sup>*center*</sup> ~~crucible~~ of developmental thinking and experimentation designed to add the newer dimensions of social progress to economic expansion. ~~The~~ system of planned economic development you have adopted has been marked by an approach that is distinctly Indian in its inspiration. And by far the largest proportion of the resources required for such development have been raised within <sup>*your*</sup> ~~the~~ country itself.]

Although the Bank Group has provided more assistance to India than to any other nation in the world, we are deeply conscious of the fact that our contribution has always been small in relation to the resources you yourselves have mobilized. Nevertheless, we are proud to have been associated, in however modest a way, with you in an undertaking that constitutes one of the most crucial development experiments of our time. ~~The close partnership~~ which we have together built goes far beyond the normal relationship between a bank and a borrower. It has been stimulating and productive, <sup>*certainly*</sup> ~~no less~~ for <sup>*and I believe*</sup> ~~us~~ <sup>*than*</sup> ~~than~~ for you, since from our shared experiences have emerged lessons that are of vital significance for the future of the entire developing world. We acknowledge, with gratitude, the fact that in the evolution of the Bank as a ~~world~~ development agency, it was in response to India's complex and compelling problems that a number of initiatives were first taken.]

V. Rao, Pres 1/23/72

In the past three years, we have <sup>substantially</sup> expanded the volume and range of our operations in this country. The Bank and IDA have committed a total of about Rs 580 crores (\$773 million) to help you launch 20 projects ~~and programs~~ in key sectors of your economy. Of these, three credits amounting to over Rs 93 crores (\$125 million) have been approved in the past six weeks alone.

~~In terms of range, we have been associated with projects to increase the flow of agricultural credit to farmers in six states and to expand production capacity in two public-sector fertilizer plants, as well as with <sup>loans</sup> ~~such~~ activities in the relatively traditional fields, such as industry, irrigation, telecommunications, power, ~~transmission~~ and railways, with which we have been associated since 1949.~~

The flow of assistance stands as testimony to our faith in India's future, strengthened by the encouraging progress you have made. Agriculture is but one example of such progress; the increase in foodgrain production to a new record of 108 million tons in 1970 reflects the impressive efforts that have been made in applying the new technology. In the qualitative aspects of development, as distinct from the quantitative, <sup>your</sup> ~~the~~ record is no less encouraging.

<sup>Improvement in</sup> ~~Higher~~ literacy rates, greater enrollment in educational institutions, increased life expectancy and lower death rates reflect your conviction, as well as ours, that man's well-being is central to development.

Even in the three years since I last visited, I know that your Government has given <sup>increasing</sup> ~~greater~~ attention to <sup>these</sup> ~~the~~ qualitative aspects of ~~economic development,~~ stressing the need for growth with social justice. This has been our concern as well. ~~[The object of development is to create a better, more productive life for the human being.]~~ We believe, as you do, that no <sup>plan</sup> ~~scheme~~ of development can be adequate unless it takes account of such factors as unemployment, mal-distribution of income, nutritional inadequacies, and overpopulation. It has

to be geared particularly to the needs of tens of millions who may not <sup>yet</sup> have participated significantly in the fruits of economic growth.

India's is a magnificent record of achievement, but there is still so much to do. I know that your Government and people will not relax their efforts. <sup>All of us</sup> ~~They~~ remember ~~only too well~~ the words of a distinguished Indian statesman who once said, "Tomorrow's India will be what we make it by today's labors". The purpose of my visit is to see how we in the Bank can help you ~~to do more for this great country and all its people.~~ <sup>to do more for this great country & all its people.</sup> better to do more for this great country and all its people.



TRANSCRIPTION OF MR. MCNAMARA'S STATEMENT AND THE MINISTER'S  
STATEMENT IN THE SIGNING OF A \$64.5 MILLION WORLD BANK LOAN  
TO BRAZIL FOR THE EXPANSION OF STEEL PRODUCTION, February 8, 1972

Mr. McNamara

I have great pleasure in welcoming you. I have just said to the Minister that in these past eight months, there were times when he thought, as I thought, that this day would never come. So, it is with real pleasure that I see that I was wrong in my pessimism.

We have met in this same room on at least two previous occasions. At each of them, I expressed my hope that it would not be the last, and I hope we will meet here many times in the future and for occasions, at least as auspicious as this. I know of the tremendous record which you and your associates have achieved in advancing the growth rate of your country. I know of your great interest and that of your government in spreading the benefits of that growth, and surely that it one of our interests. And we will hope that in the years to come the projects which you and we jointly proceed with will move in that direction. In any event, Sir, it is a great pleasure to welcome you and a very special privilege to join with you in signing this loan.

Mr. Chairman: Personally, and on behalf of the Brazilian Government, I wish to thank you for the support that has been given by the World Bank to the expansion programs in Brazil. I must tell you that similar to the way in which you or myself and the President of the Republic believe that this developing process will eventually cover the entire Brazilian society and this should be done in such a way as to do away and eliminate inequalities. And this is the main goal of the development process in the economics fields in Brazil and Your Excellency can rest assured that the World Bank's cooperation will be a most important factor in the future success. Thank you very much.







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REMARKS AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL  
IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

3/1/72

I have for a long time wanted to visit the People's Republic of the Congo. My purpose in coming here is to learn more about the problems you face, how you propose to deal with them, and how we in the World Bank Group can continue to help in the process.

The total of assistance we have <sup>already</sup> committed <sup>here</sup> for projects <sup>rising</sup> here is <sup>already</sup> ~~not insubstantial~~. A considerable proportion of it has been for the development

of transport, in recognition of your country's central importance in the region's transportation network. For instance, ~~apart from a grant of \$185,000~~

~~from the World Bank itself~~, a number of credits totaling \$5.5 million <sup>(including one for it in Dec 71)</sup> have been

extended by our affiliate, the International Development Association, for roads.

~~We hope that, if all goes well, we may before long be able to assist in the~~ <sup>And on Tuesday of this week I sent to our Board of Directors a 6 million project</sup>

<sup>for the</sup> modernization of your railways.

But transport is not our only concern. We are also interested in other high-priority sectors, <sup>including</sup> ~~such as~~ education and agriculture. We have already approved our first credit of US\$3.5 million for an education project here. By providing more facilities for vocational, agricultural, technical and teacher training, the project will help adapt your educational system to your economic needs; in particular, it will provide many of the skills that are badly needed in the agricultural sector.

It is our firm conviction that a development program proceeds best if it is inspired, framed and led by the people of the country itself. We hope to be able to offer all the assistance we can within that framework. The hope is based on the confidence that our goal is the same as yours -- creating a happier and more productive life for all the people of this country.



REMARKS AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL  
IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

3/4/72

It is a pleasure to be visiting the Central African Republic. The purpose of my visit here is to learn more about your development plans, to see something of how they are working out on the ground, and then to assess how we in the World Bank can help you more effectively to strengthen the foundations for the sustained social and economic progress of this country.

The C.A.R. is a country in which our interest has grown in recent years. Our first operation here was in April 1969. It took the form of <sup>IDA</sup> a credit of \$4.2 million ~~from the International Development Association, a World Bank affiliate,~~ for building the highway from Bangui to Mbaiki. This was followed in June 1970 with another IDA credit of \$4.3 million for highway maintenance.

The importance of developing transport facilities in a landlocked country like the C.A.R. is clear. But our interest is not confined to this sector; we share with you the belief that certain other high-priority sectors, such as agriculture and education, deserve attention too.

Our experience round the world has confirmed our belief that a country's economic progress depends on a sustained commitment to policies that genuinely promote development. Such policies may often include those aimed at the more productive use of domestic resources, and at improving the capacity to prepare sound projects. While here, I hope to gain a better understanding of how we in the World Bank can assist you in your efforts to build a better and more prosperous future for the people of this country.



REMARKS AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL IN NIGER

3/5/72

*The affairs of the Republic as well.*

I am delighted to be in Niger, and to have the opportunity of learning at first hand more about the ~~socio~~ economic problems and prospects of your country. I am particularly happy to meet with His Excellency President Diouri Hamani, <sup>who has played such a major role not only in the history of his country but in</sup> We, in the World Bank Group, have for several years followed with close interest your efforts to build a better future for your people. I hope my visit here will make our partnership stronger and more fruitful in order to help you move faster towards that goal.

The Bank's involvement in the development of Niger dates back to 1964, when <sup>we</sup> ~~our affiliate, the International Development Association,~~ extended a credit of \$1.5 million <sup>for road construction.</sup> ~~to help build and improve the road from Maigatari to Dan-Tyao.~~ Since then, we have made a number of other commitments for the development not only of highways, but also of agriculture. As a result, the ~~cumulative~~ total of our commitments now stands at <sup>approximately</sup> ~~nearly~~ \$14 million.

Our increasing participation in your development efforts can be measured from the fact that almost 90 percent of these commitments have been made in the last three years. The trend reflects our <sup>desire</sup> ~~anxiety~~ to give greater emphasis to assisting the poorest of our member countries ~~countries whose needs are implicit in their very poverty.~~

The harsh circumstances of climate and geography have imposed serious constraints on Niger's economic development. We are aware of these constraints ~~as much as your Government is,~~ and this is precisely why we are so desirous of helping. ~~We know how preoccupied your Government is with the water problem.~~ We know your problems of access to the outside world. Our assistance in the transportation sector has been meant to moderate <sup>that</sup> ~~the latter~~ problem to some extent. But we are also particularly interested in your plans for rural



because it is ~~through~~ <sup>through</sup> such action that ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> advances can be development, especially insofar as they may be designed to reach the benefits ~~extended to the greatest numbers of your people~~ <sup>extended to the greatest numbers of your people</sup> of socio-economic progress down to the poorest of your poor.

I am confident that the purposeful use of ~~resources~~ <sup>your</sup> resources in response to priority needs, will enable your country to accelerate its growth and to ~~achieve~~ <sup>realize</sup> a steady improvement in the standard of living of the Nigerien people. <sup>We very much hope</sup> to assist you in achieving that goal.



MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT DU GROUPE DE  
LA BANQUE MONDIALE,

3/5/72

DEMAIN, A PAREILLE HEURE, VOUS AUREZ QUITTÉ LE NIGER.  
ET, COMME, JE VOUS LE DISAIS CE MATIN MÊME EN VOUS  
ACCUEILLANT, NOUS REGRETTONS TRES VIVEMENT QUE VOS  
LOURDES RESPONSABILITES NE VOUS PERMETTENT DE PROLONGER  
VOTRE SEJOUR PARMY NOUS.


MAIS, MALGRÉ SA BRIEVETE, VOTRE VISITE AURA ÉTÉ FRUCTUEUSE.  
GRÂCE A ELLE, EN EFFET, LA HAUTE INSTITUTION QUE VOUS  
PRESIDEZ - PLUS PRECISEMENT, QUE VOUS ANIMEZ - OBTIENDRA,  
AUTREMENT QUE PAR LES DOSSIERS, UNE VISION PLUS EXACTE,  
UNE CONNAISSANCE PLUS CONCRETE DES DIFFICULTES QUE RENCON-  
TRENT LES PAYS SAHELIENS, ET LE NOTRE EN PARTICULIER, POUR  
ASSURER LEUR DEVELOPPEMENT.

MAIS, EN OUTRE, VOTRE VISITE EST POUR LE NIGER, UNE SOURCE  
DE RECONFORT ET D'ESPOIR : CAR MON PAYS SAIT AVEC QUELLE  
RESOLUTION, AVEC QUEL HAUT IDEALISME VOUS N'AVEZ CESSE D'OEUVRER  
DEPUIS LES TROIS DERNIERES ANNEES, POUR AMELIORER LE SORT DES  
HOMMES DU TIERS-MONDE.  
ET MON PAYS VOUS EN EST PROFONDEMENT RECONNAISSANT.

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IL SERAIT SOUHAITABLE QUE LES NATIONS AMIES ET LES INSTITUTIONS MONDIALES QUI NOUS APPORTENT LEURS CONCOURS METTENT EN OEUVRE LA DOCTRINE QUE VOUS AVEZ SI CLAIREMENT ET SI CHALEUREUSEMENT DEFINIE, A PLUSIEURS REPRISES, ET NOTAMMENT DEVANT LE CONSEIL DES GOUVERNEURS, LORS DE L'ASSEMBLEE DU 21 SEPTEMBRE DERNIER.

EN VOUS EXPRIMANT A NOUVEAU LA FIERTE QUE PROUVE LE NIGER A L'OCCASION DE VOTRE VISITE, ET LES ESPOIRS QU'IL MET EN ELLE, PERMETTEZ-MOI DE LEVER MON VERRE, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT ET MADAME, AU SUCCES DE VOTRE NOBLE ENTREPRISE, ET A VOTRE SANTE ET VOTRE BONHEUR.





3/2/72

REMARKS AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL IN UPPER VOLTA

My visit to Upper Volta marks the fulfillment of an old desire, and I am particularly happy that it gives me the opportunity to meet its leader, President Lamizana. In recent years, I am happy to say that the relationship between your country and the World Bank Group has become much stronger. I am confident that the cordiality of the relationship will enable us together to find newer and better ways of moving towards our common goal -- raising the living standards of the people of this country.

The World Bank Group has greatly expanded its activities round the globe. In doing so, we have been particularly anxious to increase the flow of assistance to countries which, for a variety of reasons, have been severely handicapped in their efforts to move up the development ladder. Upper Volta is one such country. The total of our commitments here since lending began in 1969 now stands at \$7 million. Part of the assistance has been provided for a project to strengthen telecommunications links both within your borders and with the outside world. But by far the larger proportion is for an agricultural project that will help 46,000 farmers and their families in the western region to increase cotton production and live a better life.

We are aware of the crucial importance of agriculture to your economy and of the serious difficulties which your rural population is encountering in its efforts to raise its standard of living. That is why we are now closely studying the evolution of a new type of rural development project which, by catering to the small farmer's most immediate needs, could be of great significance not only for Upper Volta, but for other countries as well.

Endemic diseases are another serious problem in Upper Volta. We are therefore following closely the efforts made by the World Health Organization,

with the cooperation of other agencies, to develop a program for the control of river blindness. Projects are being prepared to assist the population in the resettlement of some valleys in the project area. This should, at the same time, improve the standard of living of the settlers and relieve population pressures in the adjacent areas.

I believe that the spirit of creative innovation which features our partnership, together with the wise and strong economic policy of your Government, will, in the years ahead, open new opportunities for constructive endeavor in the interests of all your people.





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3/6/72

TOAST OF PRESIDENT LAMIZANA

UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION

Mr. President of the World Bank  
Mrs. McNamara  
Excellencies  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

We highly appreciate, Mr. President, the importance of your visit to Upper Volta; in view of your innumerable responsibilities we thank you for sacrificing a little of your time to the affairs of Upper Volta.

I am infinitely glad to acknowledge the presence of Mrs. McNamara at your side; in bracing the fatigue resulting from such a journey, she has proved the personal interest and the sympathy the President of the World Bank has towards our Continent.

Mr. President, your brilliant career and your first hand experience in India, China and the Pacific have already made you familiar with the problems of the developing world. You, therefore, know, more than anyone else, the wide economic and human differences covered by this expression; you have already proved your exceptional capacity to analyze the situations within the context of the relevant environment.

After your stay in the People's Republic of Congo, Central African Republic and Niger, it is the pleasure of Upper Volta to welcome you. Nothing indeed can replace personal investigation and human contact.

The short period, which you can devote to us will, nevertheless, convince you that our natural handicaps are largely offset by the intense determination of the people of Upper Volta to progress.

In this regard, it is suitable to consider as a big economic asset the human qualities of self-sacrifice, courage and moral fortitude, which always enable us to overcome our immediate obstacles. This indicates that Upper Volta can undertake successfully tasks which elsewhere would not be judged economically profitable.

I will not labor this point too much; indeed, you had the opportunity this afternoon to hear detailed accounts of various significant elements which are impeding our economic development and to which we must quickly find solutions.

It is always more convincing, at first sight, to insert projects and economic perspectives in environments with favorable natural geography. You will not follow this type of logic since you are familiar with the significance of the human factor in the processes of organization and development.

This is why, even though we regret but understand the constraints of your schedule, we have confidence in your exceptional judgement.

After all, it seems hardly conceivable today to talk about the future of Africa in terms of evident political compartments. If immediately after independence the idea of boundaries assumed excessive importance, it has been corrected rapidly; a whole

regional or continental union has started to expand from day-to-day because the preoccupation with immediate economic benefits cannot conceal for long the long term common interest.

It is within the framework of this necessary solidarity among Africans aimed at her political stability, that Upper Volta intends to assume a major role, in terms of effort and self-sacrifice; the amount of friendly assistance which she has received from everywhere affirms her conviction that what today appears difficult will be achieved tomorrow.

A new development plan, undoubtedly ambitious, will soon be under implementation; for the time being, it takes into account only the things of indisputable urgency since so much needs to be done; needless to say we shall need large amounts of external financing.

Mr. President, it is to our advantage that you will become personally familiar with our problems during your stay here. All the same, if the policy of the World Bank prevents you from participating in our effort to the extent that you would wish to, we know that we can always benefit from your understanding and advice; it is a precious advantage for which we are particularly grateful to you.

I would like to wish Mrs. McNamara, the members of your party and yourself, Mr. President, a pleasant stay in Upper Volta and to express again our deep and sincere gratitude to you for the visit which you have paid us.

Thank you.

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REMARKS AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL IN MALI 3/8/72

It is a great pleasure indeed for me to be here, and I particularly look forward to meeting President Traore. From my talks with him and with other Malian leaders, I hope to acquire a <sup>greater</sup> deeper understanding of your development problems and how they can be tackled. The World Bank Group has already <sup>supported</sup> ~~made~~ ~~some contribution to~~ Mali's own efforts to rehabilitate and develop its economy for the benefit of its people. During this visit, I hope to learn how we can support these efforts more fully and more effectively <sup>in the future</sup>.

My interest in being here is accentuated by our growing participation in projects for Mali's economic progress. The World Bank Group is in the midst of a program for greatly expanding its activities around the globe. Under the program, we expect that in the five years through 1973 we will lend twice as much worldwide as we did in the previous five years. While the global total will double, the African total will triple.

My hope is that our program for Mali will increase in line with your growing capacity to prepare and implement sound, high-priority projects, and with your readiness to take the difficult decisions that constitute the foundation of any serious development effort. For our part, we look forward to being able not only to provide a larger volume of assistance, but also to provide it for a broader range of purposes within the framework of Mali's programs for rehabilitation and further development.

Our first operation in this country was a credit of \$9.1 million in 1966 for the Mali Railway rehabilitation program. The next credit was made for highway maintenance and improvement of agricultural feeder roads. The most recent credit, which was signed early this year, is for the Mopti rice project,

which I am most eager to see ~~tomorrow morning~~. In the years to come we hope to participate in further development in the rural sector, as well as in transportation, telecommunications, education and power.

In providing assistance, our aim is to forge a closer partnership dedicated to assisting the people of Mali to achieve the goals that they themselves have chosen. We believe, as I hope you do, that cooperation between the Bank Group and yourselves has an important role to play in your efforts to overcome your problems and to realize the potential that Mali has.

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PRÉSIDENTE DU COMITÉ  
MILITAIRE DE  
LIBÉRATION NATIONALE

BAMAKO, LE

8 MARS 1972

*Le Président*

Colonel Moussa Traoré

~~MOUSSA~~

DISCOURS PRONONCE  
PAR LE COLONEL MOUSSA TRAORE A L'OCCASION  
DE LA RECEPTION OFFERTE EN L'HONNEUR DE  
MONSIEUR ROBERT Mc NAMARA, PRESIDENT DU  
GROUPE DE LA BANQUE MONDIALE. /.

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Monsieur le Président du Groupe de la Banque  
Mondiale,

Excellences,

Mesdames et Messieurs,

Le peuple malien, le Comité Militaire de Libération Nationale et le Gouvernement sont très honorés de recevoir en cette période la visite que Monsieur Robert Mc NAMARA, Président du Groupe de la Banque Mondiale vient d'entreprendre au MALI à la suite d'un long périple à travers l'AFRIQUE.

Nous apprécions d'autant plus ce geste que nous sommes conscients des nombreuses et lourdes servitudes qui pèsent sur l'homme du fait des responsabilités qu'il assume à la tête de la Banque. C'est pourquoi, Mesdames et Messieurs, vous comprendrez aisément qu'au moment où je lui souhaite la bienvenue en terre malienne je tiens également à l'assurer de notre profond sentiment de reconnaissance.

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La Banque Mondiale et l'Association Internationale de Développement sont bien connues dans notre pays, en raison de l'action de plus en plus croissante que ce Groupe ne cesse de déployer dans notre économie depuis quelques années.

Pour s'en convaincre, il suffit de rappeler que de l'année 1966 au premier trimestre de l'année 1972, le volume des projets financés par l'Association Internationale de Développement a atteint le niveau combien très appréciable de 23.700.000 dollars soit plus de 12 milliards de francs maliens.

Pour mesurer le chemin parcouru depuis que Monsieur Robert Mc NAMARA président aux destinées du Groupe de la Banque, il importe de préciser que notre pays, pour ce qui le concerne, a bénéficié d'une aide accrue qui a été de l'ordre de 14.600.000 dollars soit près de 7 milliards et demi de francs maliens.

PRÉSIDENTE DU COMITÉ  
- MILITAIRE DE  
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La Banque Mondiale et l'Association  
*Le Président*

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Les projets devant être exécutés grâce aux conventions de financement ainsi signées entre notre pays et l'Association Internationale de Développement portent sur la modernisation de la Régie du Chemin de Fer, l'entretien du réseau routier et le développement de la riziculture.

A la lumière de nos rapports avec le Groupe de la Banque Mondiale, nous avons acquis la conviction que cette institution vise toujours à consacrer son effort à l'accomplissement d'actions décisives concourant au développement réel de l'économie.

La cohérence recherchée dans l'intervention de la Banque nous paraît judicieuse. D'ores et déjà, l'Association Internationale étudie les possibilités de nouveaux financements complémentaires dans le prolongement d'opérations antérieures.

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Les projets devant être exécutés

*Le Président*

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La vigueur intellectuelle, la générosité de coeur et surtout le courage politique dont vous avez toujours fait preuve dans vos fonctions de Président de la Banque Mondiale me donnent le droit d'affirmer que vous avez instauré une ère nouvelle dans l'évolution de la philosophie du Groupe de la Banque et même de la coopération internationale.

En effet, en septembre 1968, pour illustrer votre désir de donner une impulsion vigoureuse à l'action de la Banque en faveur du tiers monde, vous avez indiqué au Conseil des Gouverneurs les grandes lignes d'un programme quinquennal d'activités que vous entendiez exécuter au sein de la Banque Mondiale et de ses filiales.

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# LOAN Signing (MOROCCO) - July 19, 1972

Mr. DeNamara

- It is a very great pleasure to welcome you here today, and I am particularly pleased, it could be for the purpose of signing this very important loan. Not only is it important in amount, 48 million dollars, but it is even more important, I believe, in the contribution it will make to the welfare of your people, and I think to the strength of your institutions. With it our commitments to Morocco, as you know, will total about 100 million dollars for the fiscal year that ended June 30, by far the largest amount we ever committed in a single year since we began operations in your country, and of all the projects that have been financed I think this is certainly one of the most important, contributing as it does so directly to the welfare of approximately 20% of your people that live in that coastal zone from <sup>Kenitra</sup> ~~Conetru~~(?) to Casablanca and playing as important a part as it does in your government's long run plan for the supply of water to that entire part of your country, so we are very, very pleased to be a part of it, and we think it is but one in a series of projects that are flowing into the Bank now that we hope will contribute much to the advance of the welfare of your people. It is a very great pleasure for us to participate in it. -

Minister for Public Works

~~It is for me~~ a very great pleasure to come and participate in the ceremony of signing as president of the Board of Directors of the National Office for Water Supply, this pleasure can be understood if I recall that 3 years ago I started myself with the Bank experts for the first discussion for the first change of views on this important project which is the water supply on the Atlantic Coast between <sup>Kenitra</sup> ~~Tinitran~~(?) and Casablanca. If the Government of His Majesty has sent of the members of the government to the signing ceremony, it is to show its satisfaction for the cooperative relationship between the Bank and the Morocco of which I have mentioned the importance ~~on~~ during the

year and its special satisfaction for the conclusions of the loan agreement for the water supply project. This loan is considerable, 48 million dollars, it is the largest loan given to Morocco, it is also the first loan given to an autonomous public agency and I hope as far as I am concerned that it opens a new field of activity to the cooperation between the Bank and the Kingdom of Morocco and that soon we will have other loans, and particularly the loan for the financing of the works of the Electricity National Board which is now being evaluated in Morocco, and thus this relationship of cooperation will develop not only from the standpoint of financing a project, but as far as I am concerned, for the participation of the Bank in the very concept and organization and methodology of ours. Thank you, sir.



Brazil (Alto Turi) loan - signed on July 24, 1972

Mr. De Namara

-It is again my pleasure to welcome you in this room. It seems only a matter of days since we were last here, and it is only a matter of 3 weeks since the Bank's fiscal year 1972 was closed June 30th, and as all of you know during that year the Bank approved loans to Brazil totaling 437 million dollars, more than the Bank has ever before loaned to any country in a single year. It was a tremendous program brought about only because of the very close cooperation of you yourself and your government with the staff of the Bank. Against that huge amount of 437 million dollars, the loan we are considering today, prepared to sign today, for 6.7 million dollars is very small indeed. But while the amount is small I think the potential of importance is as great as that of any single project we financed during the year. It is large because it fits in so directly with the program of the Minister and his government for the reduction of the income disparities that exist in Brazil and for the reduction of the unemployment and underemployment which is so common in the northeastern area, so it gives us very great pleasure, Mr. Minister, to provide a small degree of assistance to you and it is a very difficult task that you have to deal with these regional differences. I don't know any loan that I will assign in many weeks that will give me more pleasure. I hope you feel the same way, sir.

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REMARKS AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL IN SUDAN - 11/10/72

This is my first visit to the Sudan and I am delighted to be here.

As the largest country in Africa, your country merits special attention from those concerned with economic development. The World Bank Group has had a continuing association with the Sudan since 1958. During these years the Bank Group has provided the Sudan about \$167 million of financial help with development projects in agriculture, transport, power and education.

Considering the size and needs of the country, much more remains to be done if the benefits of development are to reach greater numbers of the people. We in the World Bank hope that, in addition to important investments in transport and power, we can assist the country's efforts to carry out an increasing number of projects designed to benefit more people more directly: projects such as expanding irrigation, providing farmers with credit and storage facilities, improving livestock, and shaping education more to the needs of the country. In this context, one major development scheme which is being considered by the Government of Sudan and the Bank Group is the Rahad Irrigation project.

In considering the efforts that need to be made for the future, we are particularly interested in the possibilities of economic development in Southern Sudan. Our recently approved highway project has already provided for the improvement and maintenance of roads there, as well as in other parts of the country. But I am looking forward to visiting the southern region to learn more about its problems and its potential.

I realize that the process of development is neither easy nor quick, but I am confident that your Government and people will strive hard to make good use of the nation's tremendous potential for economic development. The Bank Group stands ready to assist you in this task.

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Departure Statement - Sudan

November 13, 1972

As I leave the Sudan I want first of all to thank H. E. the President and his Ministers for the time they have given to explaining to me the needs and aspirations of the Sudan, the problems you face, and the means you are seeking to overcome them.

Though the problems and opportunities are yours, and though most of the effort to solve them must be yours, I have said that the Bank stands ready to give all the help it can. Nearly five years ago I promised we would double our lending to the world at large, but would triple it to Africa. We have fulfilled those promises. Now we are planning to further expand our lending to the poorest countries of which the Sudan is one.

I have been interested to notice in my short time here that in your national development you are placing the highest priority on expansion of agriculture, transport and education. These are your government's decisions, with which we in the World Bank agree, and we are planning to concentrate our assistance in those sectors.

No part of our visit made a greater impression on me and on all my colleagues than our trip to the Southern Region, where we saw something of the efforts being made to reunite the North and the South and to resettle the returning refugees.

What gave me the greatest hope both in Juba and in Khartoum was the deep and sincere spirit of reconciliation, the determination to bind up the wounds of this nation, and to try to build together a better life for all the people of the Sudan.

In that endeavor the World Bank stands as your friend and partner.

This visit has strengthened my belief that you can succeed and our determination that the Bank shall be of all possible assistance.



REMARKS AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL IN SOMALIA 11/18/72 ✓

I am very pleased to visit Somalia. During my stay, I will have the opportunity to learn about the problems of economic development and the progress which has been made. I expect to discuss Somalia's needs with those concerned with direction of the economic development effort. I hope to visit some projects to see at first hand what has been done.

Somalia has a promising potential for economic development and deserves assistance from the international community. The World Bank Group, through its affiliate for concessional financing, the International Development Association (IDA), has provided Somalia about \$22 million since 1965. Our assistance to Somalia has so far been for the development of transportation and education. Together with other sources of assistance, we have helped to finance the construction of two highways, Afgoi-Baidoa and Hargeisa-Berbera, the latter project being financed jointly by IDA and the African Development Bank. In education, we are contributing to the construction and improvement of secondary schools, the National Teacher Education Center and mobile units for agricultural training.

In 1969, we extended a credit to help in the final engineering of a new port in Mogadiscio. IDA and the European Development Fund are now at an advanced stage in considering financing the construction of this new port, which is so important for Somalia. Among other things, it will handle exports of livestock and bananas, the most important earners of foreign exchange needed to promote Somalia's development.

I hope that in the future the World Bank Group's assistance will reach all the most important parts of the economy which directly benefit

a large number of people. We are already carefully examining the potential for developing your livestock and other agricultural resources.

It is clear that the Government and people of Somalia are determined to promote the economic development of the country, placing a premium on self-reliance. I am confident that, with that determination, Somalia can and will achieve sustained progress. The World Bank Group is ready to help.



Departure Statement - Somalia

November 15, 1972

This has been a fascinating and most enjoyable visit to Somalia, and I want to thank the President and all his Secretaries who gave so much of their time to insuring that we saw as much as possible of this beautiful and fertile country.

I was deeply impressed and so were all my colleagues by what we saw, particularly by the spirit of self-reliance which was noticeable wherever we went. A self-reliant, unified people, determined to achieve their own destiny and their own development, with wise leadership and prudent management of their resources, deserves the full assistance of the world's development agencies.

We at the World Bank, within the range of our limited IDA resources, will do everything we can to help.

We are very far advanced towards financing expansion of the port here in Mogadishu, and we have a mission actively at work in the country at this moment seeking agricultural projects and looking into methods of assisting the social and economic development of the rural areas.

We are glad to be able to do this, but it is only a small part of your development program. The major part is your own efforts; it is my overriding impression after this visit that those efforts of yours, your self-help, is destined to succeed and make a brighter future, a better life for all the people of Somalia.

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REMARKS AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL IN ZAMBIA

November 15, 1972

I am delighted to be in Zambia, and look forward with pleasure to meeting President Kaunda. From him, and from others concerned with your country's development, I hope to acquire a better understanding of your problems and your plans for the future. The purpose of my visit is to see how we in the World Bank can help you more effectively in the task of raising the standard of living and the quality of life for all of Zambia's people.

I am especially happy to be here at a time when our contribution to your country's development is increasing substantially. A few years ago, we launched a program under which we planned that, in the five years through 1973, we should lend twice as much around the world as we did in the previous five years; and that while the global total would double, the African total would triple. We are fully confident of meeting these goals. I am particularly pleased that, in the case of Zambia, the increase is going to be even bigger: the Bank Group's commitments for projects here, since 1968, already total \$88 million, or more than four times the total for five years (1964-68). If all goes well, we look forward to making further substantial commitments in the next few months.

The fruitful association which has enabled us to participate in a variety of projects here stretches back almost 20 years. Our first operation was in March 1953, when we provided \$14 million for the development of the railway system. Later, we contributed to projects for developing not only the railways, but also highways, such as the

Great North and Great East roads, and the power system centering on Kariba. In the last few years, we have diversified our activities further: we have supported projects relating to education, livestock, commercial farming, and forestry. In the future, apart from financing of new power projects and seeking new approaches to the problems of agricultural development, we will follow with close interest your plans in such fields as telecommunications, industry, urbanization, and tourism.

In Zambia, as elsewhere, our aim is to help nations to spread the benefits of development as widely as possible among their people. This is particularly necessary in circumstances where the dualism in the economy tends to create its own imbalances. In this sense, we too are deeply committed to the philosophy of humanism, of which your President has been so distinguished an exponent. The central test of success in our common endeavor will lie not in implementing a project here, or a project there; it will lie in the extent to which we can help you create a better, more productive life for all the people of this country.

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Departure Statement - Zambia - 11/18/72

This has been a most memorable first visit to Zambia for me and my wife. We have been delighted and impressed by this beautiful city of Lusaka and by the enormous potential of your copper producing and agricultural areas.

But above all I will remember this visit for my meeting and discussions with your President. We found ourselves - as he himself said in his toast at State House on Thursday - in fundamental agreement on the nature of the problems that face a country such as Zambia, with a relatively prosperous modern sector, and a majority of people who live on the land and who have not yet fully participated in the benefits of development. It is the improvement of living standards for these people, indeed for all the people of Zambia which concerns us most. The humanism of which your President speaks is basically similar to the objectives which we pursue at the World Bank.

In my talks with Ministers - and I am most grateful for the time they gave me, particularly the Finance Minister - in my talks with them we discussed how best we at the Bank could help Zambia's development plans. As a nation you have great and pressing problems at present, but you have great potentials for development in the future. What we feel to be most important is that your plans for the future should be soundly based on economic realities.

As do all developing countries, Zambia needs to borrow today to ensure the future of tomorrow. The World Bank is ready to help Zambia in these circumstances. In the past four years we more than doubled the amount we lent to Zambia in the years between independence and 1968. In the next four years we plan to increase our lending well above even today's levels; and we plan to emphasize financial and technical assistance to the development

of your human and rural resources.



No arrival statement was made in Zaire, November 18, 1972



Statement to TV Upon Departure from Kinshasa, November 19, 1972

I was delighted to have an opportunity to accept President Mobutu's invitation to visit him again, both to renew old friendships and to learn how we in the Bank can be of even greater assistance to your Government in advancing the welfare of all of your people.

Last year we loaned \$35 million to Zaire for education, road transport, and the financing of industry through the Development Bank. The loans were IDA credits to be paid back over fifty years with interest at three/quarters of one per cent.

The President emphasized to me the priority he places on the development of Zairian agriculture, both for domestic consumption and for export, and the necessity for expanding the country's transportation system.

We agreed with the priority he attaches to these sectors and I have told him we hope to provide substantial assistance to both.

Although the visit was short it has been both pleasant and productive. I am most grateful for the President's hospitality.

Robert S. McNamara