

No. 2487

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

**Loan Agreement — *Second Highway Project* — (with
annexed Loan Regulations No. 3). Signed at Wash-
ington, on 4 September 1953**

Official text: English.

*Registered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on
17 February 1954.*

**BANQUE INTERNATIONALE POUR LA
RECONSTRUCTION ET LE DÉVELOPPEMENT
et
NICARAGUA**

**Contrat d'emprunt — *Deuxième Projet relatif au réseau
routier* — (avec, en annexe, le Règlement n° 3 sur les
emprunts). Signé à Washington, le 4 septembre 1953**

Texte officiel anglais.

*Enregistré par la Banque internationale pour la reconstruction et le développement
le 17 février 1954.*

No. 2487. LOAN AGREEMENT¹ (*SECOND HIGHWAY PROJECT*) BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 4 SEPTEMBER 1953

AGREEMENT, dated September 4, 1953, between the REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA (hereinafter called the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (hereinafter called the Bank).

Article I

LOAN REGULATIONS ; SPECIAL DEFINITION

Section 1.01. The parties to this Loan Agreement accept all the provisions of Loan Regulations No. 3 of the Bank dated October 15, 1952² (hereinafter called the Loan Regulations), with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein.

Section 1.02. Wherever used in this Loan Agreement the term Agency shall mean any agency or instrumentality of the Borrower or of any political subdivision of the Borrower and shall include any institution or organization which is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the Borrower or by any political subdivision of the Borrower or the operations of which are conducted primarily in the interest of or for account of the Borrower or any political subdivision of the Borrower.

Article II

THE LOAN

Section 2.01. The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions in this Loan Agreement set forth or referred to, an amount in various currencies equivalent to three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000).

Section 2.02. The Bank shall open a Loan Account on its books in the name of the Borrower and shall credit to such Account the amount of the Loan. The amount of the Loan may be withdrawn from the Loan Account as provided in, and subject to the rights of cancellation and suspension set forth in, the Loan Regulations.

¹ Came into force on 15 October 1953, upon notification by the Bank to the Government of Nicaragua.

² See p. 134 of this volume.

Section 2.03. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a commitment charge at the rate of three-quarters of one percent ($\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 %) per annum on the principal amount of the Loan not so withdrawn from time to time.

The date specified for the purposes of Section 2.02 of the Loan Regulations is November 1, 1953, or the Effective Date, whichever shall be the earlier.

Section 2.04. The Borrower shall pay interest at the rate of four and three-quarters per cent ($4\frac{3}{4}$ %) per annum on the principal amount of the Loan so withdrawn and outstanding from time to time.

Section 2.05. Except as the Borrower and the Bank shall otherwise agree, the charge payable for special commitments entered into by the Bank at the request of the Borrower pursuant to Section 4.02 of the Loan Regulations shall be at the rate of one-half of one per cent ($\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 %) per annum on the principal amount of any such special commitments outstanding from time to time.

Section 2.06. Interest and other charges shall be payable semi-annually on March 15 and September 15 in each year.

Section 2.07. The Borrower shall repay the principal of the Loan in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 1¹ to this Loan Agreement.

Article III

USE OF PROCEEDS OF THE LOAN

Section 3.01. The Borrower shall cause the proceeds of the Loan to be applied exclusively to financing the cost of goods required to carry out the Project described in Schedule 2² to this Loan Agreement. The specific goods to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan shall be determined by agreement between the Borrower and the Bank, subject to modification by further agreement between them.

Section 3.02. The Borrower shall cause all goods financed out of the proceeds of the Loan to be used in the territories of the Borrower exclusively in the carrying out of the Project.

Section 3.03. All contracts entered into by the Borrower for the carrying out of the Project or for the purchase of goods to be used in the carrying out of the Project shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Bank.

Article IV

BONDS

Section 4.01. The Borrower shall execute and deliver Bonds representing the principal amount of the Loan as provided in the Loan Regulations.

¹ See p. 128 of this volume.

² See p. 130 of this volume.

Section 4.02. The Minister of Finance and Public Credit (*Ministro de Hacienda y Crédito Público*) of the Borrower and such person or persons as he shall appoint in writing are designated as authorized representatives of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 6.12 of the Loan Regulations.

Article V

PARTICULAR COVENANTS

Section 5.01. (a) The Borrower shall cause the Project to be carried out with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with sound engineering practice.

(b) The Borrower shall cause to be furnished to the Bank, promptly upon their preparation, the plans and specifications for the Project and any material modifications subsequently made therein.

(c) The Borrower shall maintain or cause to be maintained records adequate to identify the goods financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, to disclose the use thereof in the Project, and to record the progress of the Project (including the cost thereof) and to reflect in accordance with consistently maintained sound accounting practices the financial condition and operations of the agency or agencies of the Borrower responsible for the construction or operation of the Project or any part thereof; shall enable the Bank's representatives to inspect the Project, the goods and any relevant records and documents; and shall furnish to the Bank all such information as the Bank shall reasonably request concerning the expenditure of the proceeds of the Loan, the Project, the goods and the financial condition and operations of the agency or agencies of the Borrower responsible for the construction or operation of the Project or any part thereof.

Section 5.02. (a) The Borrower 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 Borrower, such information shall include information with respect to financial and economic conditions in the territories of the Borrower and the international balance of payments position of the Borrower.

(b) The Borrower 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 Borrower 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 Borrower shall afford all reasonable opportunity for accredited representatives of the Bank to visit any part of the territories of the Borrower for purposes related to the Loan.

Section 5.03. It is the mutual intention of the Borrower 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 Borrower undertakes that, except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, if any lien shall be created on any assets of the Borrower 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; (ii) any lien on commercial goods to secure a debt maturing not more than one year after the date on which it is originally incurred and to be paid out of the proceeds of sale of such commercial goods; or (iii) any lien arising in the ordinary course of banking transactions to secure a debt maturing not more than one year after the date on which it is originally incurred.

The term assets of the Borrower as used in this Section includes assets of the Borrower or any of its political subdivisions or any Agency, including assets of the Banco Nacional de Nicaragua.

Section 5.04. 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 or fees imposed under the laws of the Borrower or laws in effect in its territories; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to taxation of, or fees upon, 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 Borrower.

Section 5.05. The Loan Agreement and the Bonds shall be free from any taxes or fees that shall be 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 and the Borrower shall pay all such taxes and fees, if any, imposed under the laws of the country or countries in whose currency the Loan and the Bonds are payable or laws in effect in the territories of such country or countries.

Section 5.06. The principal of, and interest and other charges on, the Loan and the Bonds shall be paid free from all restrictions imposed under the laws of the Borrower or laws in effect in its territories.

Section 5.07. The Borrower shall satisfy the Bank that adequate arrangements have been made to insure the goods financed with the proceeds of the Loan

against risks incident to their purchase and importation into the territories of the Borrower.

Section 5.08. The Borrower shall cause all machinery and equipment purchased with the proceeds of the Loan to be adequately maintained and repaired, and shall cause suitable workshops to be maintained in suitable places for that purpose.

Section 5.09. The Borrower shall cause the roads constructed with the proceeds of the Loan to be adequately maintained and from time to time shall cause all necessary repairs thereof to be made, all in accordance with sound engineering standards.

Section 5.10. The Borrower shall provide the currency of the Borrower required for carrying out the Project in accordance with the following plan :

(a) not less than 2,600,000 córdobas will be provided out of the funds of the *Recargos Cambiarios* established pursuant to a law of the Borrower dated November 9, 1950, entitled *Ley Reguladora de Cambios Internacionales*.

(b) the remainder will be provided by means of specific budgetary appropriations in annual amounts, satisfactory to the Bank, which shall be sufficient to meet the estimated costs of the Project payable in córdobas during the year covered by each such appropriation.

Section 5.11. The amounts referred to in (a) and (b) of Section 5.10 shall be deposited into accounts to be opened by the Borrower in the Banco Nacional de Nicaragua which will be available only for the purpose of meeting expenditures required for the Project and the Borrower shall maintain in such accounts at all times an aggregate amount, satisfactory to the Bank, sufficient to meet the estimated expenditures for the Project payable in córdobas during the next six months' period.

Article VI

REMEDIES OF THE BANK

Section 6.01. (i) If any event specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of Section 5.02 of the Loan Regulations shall occur and shall continue for a period of thirty days, or (ii) if any event specified in paragraph (c) of Section 5.02 of the Loan Regulations shall occur and shall continue for a period of sixty days after notice thereof shall have been given by the Bank to the Borrower, then at any subsequent time during the continuance thereof, the Bank, at its option, may declare the principal of the Loan and of all the Bonds then outstanding to be due and payable immediately, and upon any such declaration such principal shall become due and payable immediately, anything in this Loan Agreement or in the Bonds to the contrary notwithstanding.

Article VII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 7.01. The Closing Date shall be December 31, 1956.

Section 7.02. A date sixty days after the date of this Loan Agreement is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 9.04 of the Loan Regulations.

Section 7.03. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 8.01 of the Loan Regulations :

For the Borrower : Gobierno de Nicaragua, Ministerio de Hacienda y Crédito Público, Palacio Nacional, Managua, Nicaragua.

For the Bank : International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 1818 H Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C., United States of America.

Section 7.04. The Minister of Financial and Public Credit (*Ministro de Hacienda y Crédito Público*) or the Minister of Development and Public Works (*Ministro de Fomento y Obras Públicas*) of the Borrower 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 Loan 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 Nicaragua :

By Guillermo SEVILLA SACASA
Authorized Representative

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development :

By Eugene R. BLACK
President

SCHEDULE 1

AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

<i>Date Payment Due</i>	<i>Payment of Principal (expressed in dollars)*</i>	<i>Principal Amount Outstanding After Each Payment (expressed in dollars)*</i>	<i>Date Payment Due</i>	<i>Payment of Principal (expressed in dollars)*</i>	<i>Principal Amount Outstanding After Each Payment (expressed in dollars)*</i>
September 15, 1956	—	\$ 3,500,000	September 15, 1960	\$ 252,000	\$ 1,642,000
March 15, 1957	\$214,000	3,286,000	March 15, 1961	258,000	1,384,000
September 15, 1957	219,000	3,067,000	September 15, 1961	264,000	1,120,000
March 15, 1958	224,000	2,843,000	March 15, 1962	270,000	850,000
September 15, 1958	229,000	2,614,000	September 15, 1962	277,000	573,000
March 15, 1959	235,000	2,379,000	March 15, 1963	283,000	290,000
September 15, 1959	240,000	2,139,000	September 15, 1963	290,000	—
March 15, 1960	245,000	1,894,000			

* To the extent that any part of the Loan is repayable in a currency other than dollars (see Loan Regulations, Section 3.02), the figures in these columns represent dollar equivalents determined as for purposes of withdrawal.

PREMIUMS ON PREPAYMENT AND REDEMPTION

The following percentages are specified as the premiums payable on repayment in advance of maturity of any part of the principal amount of the Loan pursuant to Section 2.05 (b) of the Loan Regulations or on the redemption of any Bond prior to its maturity pursuant to Section 6.16 of the Loan Regulations :

<i>Time of Prepayment or Redemption</i>	<i>Premium</i>
Not more than 1 year before maturity	1/2 %
More than 1 year and not more than 3 years before maturity . . .	3/4 %
More than 3 years and not more than 5 years before maturity . . .	1 %
More than 5 years and not more than 7 years before maturity . . .	1 1/2 %
More than 7 years before maturity	2 %

SCHEDULE 2

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The project consists of the construction of approximately 40 Km. of primary, asphalt-surfaced roads and 687 Km. of secondary, stone-surfaced all-weather roads which will serve as an expansion of the highway system of the Borrower. The primary roads will connect El Ocotol, capital of the Department of Nueva Segovia, with the Inter-American Highway and Boaco, capital of the Department of Boaco, with the Rama Road. The secondary roads will facilitate the movement of products to market points and open up new agricultural areas.

The specific roads to be constructed are the following :

	<i>Approximate Length of Road in Kilometers</i>
PRIMARY ROADS	
Boaco-Rama Road	19
Ocotol-Inter-American Highway	21
SECONDARY ROADS	
A. Department of Boaco	
1. Boaco-Camoapa	22
2. Boaco-Tierra Azul-Muy Muy	53
3. Santa Lucia-Boaquito	7
B. Department of Carazo	
1. Rosario-Sta. Teresa-La Conquista	14
2. San Marcos-Jinotepe	6
3. San Marcos-Masatepe	7
C. Department of Chinandega	
1. Chichigalpa-Chinandega-León Road	4
2. Chinandega-El Viejo	5
3. Posoltega-Chinandega-León Road	7

	<i>Approximate Length of Road in Kilometers</i>
D. <i>Department of Chontales</i>	
1. Acoyapa-La Horqueta	25
2. Santo Tomas-La Libertad	24
E. <i>Department of Esteli</i>	
1. Limay-Pueblo Nuevo-Condega	54
F. <i>Department of Granada</i>	
1. Catarina-La Fuente	8
2. Granada-Nandaime	22
G. <i>Department of Jinotega</i>	
1. Jinotega-El Tuma Norte	20
2. Jinotega-Yali	32
3. San Rafael del Norte- La Concordia	10
H. <i>Department of León</i>	
1. León-Tololar-Chacaraseca	14
2. Limay- Achuapa-Punta de Riel	21
3. Los Ranchos-Managua-León Road	2
4. Quezalguaque-Telica	6
5. Tempate-La Paz	14
I. <i>Department of Madriz</i>	
1. Ducuali-Telpaneca	24
2. Somoto-La Sabana	26
J. <i>Department of Managua</i>	
1. El Boquete-La Rapadura	11
2. Las Mercedes-Sabana Grande	3
3. Las Nubes-Ticuantepe	8
4. Masachapa-Km. 21, Managua-León Road	48
5. Puente Tipitapa-Puerto Tipitapa	8
K. <i>Department of Masaya</i>	
1. Masaya-Catarina-Masatepe	17
2. Masaya-Tisma	15
3. San Marcos-Concepción	7
L. <i>Department of Matagalpa</i>	
1. Matagalpa-Samulali	16
2. Matagalpa-San Ramón	6
3. Puertas Viejas-Esquipulas	12
4. San Dionisio-Terrabona-Dario	26
M. <i>Department of Nueva Segovia</i>	
1. Ocotal-Dipilto-Las Manos	28
2. Telpaneca-San Juan de Telpaneca	25

	<i>Approximate Length of Road in Kilometers</i>
N. <i>Department of Rivas</i>	
1. Km. 110, Inter-American Highway—Belen	2
2. Moyogalpa—Altagracia	7
3. Rivas—Potosi	7
4. Rivas—Tola	11
5. San Jorge—Buenos Aires	3

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

LOAN REGULATIONS No. 3, DATED 15 OCTOBER 1952

REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO LOANS MADE BY THE BANK TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

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