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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY and MADAGASCAR

Agreement concerning financial cooperation. Signed at Antananarivo on 29 April 1987

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RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE et MADAGASCAR

Accord de coopération financière. Signé à Antananarivo le 29 avril 1987

Textes authentiques : allemand et français. Enregistré par la République fédérale d'Allemagne le 5 septembre 1989.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR CONCERNING FINANCIAL COOPERATION

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar,

In the spirit of the friendly relations existing between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Democratic Republic of Madagascar,

Desiring to strengthen and enhance these friendly relations through financial cooperation as partners,

Aware that the maintenance of these relations constitutes the basis of this Agreement,

Intending to contribute to social and economic development in the Democratic Republic of Madagascar,

With reference to section 3.1.2 of the record of the intergovernmental negotiations of 15 May 1986,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany shall enable the Deutsche Finanzierungsgesellschaft für Beteiligungen in Entwicklungsländern GmbH, Cologne (DEG) to grant the Société textile de Majunga S.A., Majunga (SOTEMA) a participation loan with conversion rights in the amount of FMG 3,000,000,000 (three billion Malagasy francs). For this purpose, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany shall place at the disposal of DEG an amount of up to DM 8,000,000 (eight million deutsche mark).

Article 2

The participation loan referred to in article 1 of this Agreement shall be made available under a financing contract to be concluded with SOTEMA.

Article 3

1. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar shall, with respect to the participation loan referred to in article 1 of this Agreement, guarantee the free import of all foreign means of payment in connection with the granting of the loan and the free transfer of the instalments to be agreed on for reimbursement of the loan, as well as interest and accessory expenses.

2. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar shall undertake, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Central Bank of Madagascar (Banque

¹ Came into force on 29 April 1987 by signature, in accordance with article 6.

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centrale de Madagascar) not to impede SOTEMA in the execution of its payment obligations to DEG.

3. In the event that the participation loan is converted to participation, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar and the Central Bank of Madagascar shall not impede the payment to DEG of proceeds of alienation or any other proceeds.

Article 4

1. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar shall exempt DEG from all taxes and other fiscal charges levied in the Democratic Republic of Madagascar in connection with the granting and reimbursement of the participation loan referred to in article 1 of this Agreement, as well as from interest and accessory expenses.

2. In the event that the participation loan should be converted into participation, corresponding measures shall apply regarding the return transfer of proceeds of alienation or liquidation, as well as any proceeds from the participation.

Article 5

This Agreement shall apply also to *Land Berlin*, provided that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany does not make a declaration to the contrary to the Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar within the three months following the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 6

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

DONE at Antananarivo on 29 April 1987, in two originals, in the German and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany:

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For the Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar:

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