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LOAN NUMBER 4267-CAM(COL)

LOAN AGREEMENT  
(Ordinary Operations [Concessional])  
(Trade and Competitiveness Program – Subprogram 1)

between

KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

and

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

DATED 22 DEC 2022

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**LOAN AGREEMENT**  
**(Ordinary Operations [Concessional])**

LOAN AGREEMENT dated 22 DEC 2022 between  
KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA ("Borrower") and ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ("ADB").

WHEREAS

(A) ADB has received from the Borrower a development policy letter dated 19 October 2022 ("Policy Letter"), setting forth certain objectives and policy actions, designed to develop the Borrower's industry and trade sectors ("Program"), as described in Schedule 1 to this Loan Agreement;

(B) the Program comprises the first subprogram of a programmatic approach, as described in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to this Loan Agreement ("Programmatic Approach"), and the Borrower has applied to ADB for a loan for the purposes of the Program; and

(C) ADB has agreed to make a concessional loan to the Borrower from ADB's ordinary capital resources upon the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**Loan Regulations; Definitions**

Section 1.01. All the provisions of ADB's Ordinary Operations (Concessional) Loan Regulations, dated 1 January 2022 ("Loan Regulations"), are hereby made applicable to this Loan Agreement with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein, subject, however, to the following modifications:

- (a) Section 2.01(v) is deleted and the following is substituted therefor:  
"Program" means the program for which ADB has agreed to make the Loan, as described in the Loan Agreement and as the description thereof may be amended from time to time by agreement between ADB and the Borrower;
- (b) The term "Project" wherever it appears in the Loan Regulations shall be substituted by the term "Program".
- (c) Section 2.01(x) is deleted and the following is substituted therefor:  
"Program Executing Agency" means the entity or entities responsible for the carrying out of the Program as specified in the Loan Agreement;

- (d) The term "Project Executing Agency" wherever it appears in the Loan Regulations shall be substituted by the term "Program Executing Agency".
- (e) Section 5.01(b) is deleted.

Section 1.02. Wherever used in this Loan Agreement, the several terms defined in the Loan Regulations have the respective meanings therein set forth unless modified herein or the context otherwise requires. Additional terms used in this Loan Agreement have the following meanings:

- (a) "CDC" means the Council for the Development of Cambodia, an executive inter-ministerial agency of the Borrower, established pursuant to Sub-Decree No.60 of 5 April 2016;
- (b) "Counterpart Funds" means the local currency generated from the Loan proceeds under the Program and referred to in paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to this Loan Agreement;
- (c) "Deposit Account" means the account referred to in paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to this Loan Agreement;
- (d) "Loan Disbursement Handbook" means ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook (2022, as amended from time to time);
- (e) "MEF" means the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Borrower, or any successor thereto;
- (f) "MISTI" means the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation of the Borrower, or any successor thereto;
- (g) "MOC" means the Ministry of Commerce of the Borrower, or any successor thereto;
- (h) "MSME" means micro, small, and medium-sized enterprise;
- (i) "PDMF" means the policy design and monitoring framework, which combines the design and monitoring framework and the policy matrix, and which sets forth the Policy Actions as agreed between the Borrower and ADB;
- (j) "Policy Actions" means the policy actions, as agreed between the Borrower and ADB, accomplished or to be accomplished by the Borrower under the Program as set out in the PDMF;
- (k) "Program Executing Agency" for the purposes of, and within the meaning of, the Loan Regulations means MEF or any successor thereto acceptable to ADB, which is responsible for the carrying out of the Program; and
- (l) "Program Implementing Agencies" means the MOC, MISTI, and CDC, or any successor thereto acceptable to ADB, which are responsible for the implementation of their respective components of the Program.

**ARTICLE II****The Loan**

Section 2.01. (a) ADB agrees to lend to the Borrower from ADB's ordinary capital resources an amount of fifty million Dollars (\$50,000,000).

(b) The Loan has a principal repayment period of 16 years, and a grace period as defined in subsection (c) hereinafter.

(c) The term "grace period" as used in subsection (b) hereinabove means the period prior to the first Principal Payment Date in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 2 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 2.02. The Borrower shall pay to ADB an interest charge at the rate of 1% per annum during the grace period, and 1.5% per annum thereafter, on the amount of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account and outstanding from time to time.

Section 2.03. The interest charge and any other charge on the Loan shall be payable semiannually on 15 May and 15 November in each year.

Section 2.04. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 2 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 to the financing of expenditures on the Program in accordance with the provisions of this Loan Agreement.

Section 3.02. The proceeds of the Loan shall be withdrawn in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Loan Agreement, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Borrower and ADB.

Section 3.03. The Loan Closing Date for the purposes of Section 8.02 of the Loan Regulations shall be 31 December 2023 or such other date as may from time to time be agreed between the Borrower and ADB.

## ARTICLE IV

### Particular Covenants

Section 4.01. In the carrying out of the Program, the Borrower shall perform, or cause to be performed, all obligations set forth in Schedule 4 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 4.02. As part of the reports and information referred to in Section 6.05 of the Loan Regulations, the Borrower shall furnish, or cause to be furnished, to ADB all such reports and information as ADB shall reasonably request concerning: (i) the Counterpart Funds and the use thereof; and (ii) the implementation of the Program, including the accomplishment of the targets and carrying out of the Policy Actions.

## ARTICLE V

### Effectiveness

Section 5.01. A date 90 days after the date of this Loan Agreement is specified for the effectiveness of the Loan Agreement for the purposes of Section 9.04 of the Loan Regulations.

## ARTICLE VI

### Miscellaneous

Section 6.01. The Minister of Economy and Finance of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.02 of the Loan Regulations.

Section 6.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the Loan Regulations:

#### For the Borrower

Ministry of Economy and Finance  
St. 92 Sangkat Wat Phnom  
Khan Daun Penh  
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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gdicdm@mef.gov.kh

For ADB

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Philippines

Facsimile Numbers:

(632) 8636-2444  
(632) 8636-2331.

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 as of the day and year first above written and to be delivered at the principal office of ADB.

KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

By   
H.E. Dr. AUN PORNMONIROTH  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister of Economy and Finance

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

By   
JYOTSANA VARMA  
Country Director  
Cambodia Resident Mission

**SCHEDULE 1****Description of the Program**

1. The principal objective of the Programmatic Approach is to establish a competitive and investment-friendly business environment, upgrade businesses, and ease trade barriers. The Programmatic Approach comprises 3 subprograms and the Program is its first subprogram.
2. The scope of the Program includes (a) enhancing the enabling environment for investment and business; (b) promoting growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized businesses; and (c) improving trade policies and trade facilitation. The Program is described in more detail in the Policy Letter and the PDMF.
3. The Program is completed as of 30 September 2022.

## SCHEDULE 2

## Amortization Schedule

<u>Payment Due</u>	<u>Payment of Principal</u> (expressed in USD)
15 May 2031	1,562,500
15 November 2031	1,562,500
15 May 2032	1,562,500
15 November 2032	1,562,500
15 May 2033	1,562,500
15 November 2033	1,562,500
15 May 2034	1,562,500
15 November 2034	1,562,500
15 May 2035	1,562,500
15 November 2035	1,562,500
15 May 2036	1,562,500
15 November 2036	1,562,500
15 May 2037	1,562,500
15 November 2037	1,562,500
15 May 2038	1,562,500
15 November 2038	1,562,500
15 May 2039	1,562,500
15 November 2039	1,562,500
15 May 2040	1,562,500
15 November 2040	1,562,500
15 May 2041	1,562,500
15 November 2041	1,562,500
15 May 2042	1,562,500
15 November 2042	1,562,500
15 May 2043	1,562,500
15 November 2043	1,562,500
15 May 2044	1,562,500
15 November 2044	1,562,500
15 May 2045	1,562,500
15 November 2045	1,562,500
15 May 2046	1,562,500
15 November 2046	1,562,500
Total	50,000,000

\* The arrangements for payment are subject to the provisions of Sections 3.04 and 4.03 of the Loan Regulations.



**SCHEDULE 3****Withdrawal of Loan Proceeds**

1. Except as set out in this Schedule or as ADB may otherwise agree, the Loan proceeds shall be disbursed in accordance with the Loan Disbursement Handbook.
2. An application for withdrawal from the Loan Account shall be submitted to ADB by the Borrower and shall be in a form satisfactory to ADB.
3. (a) Prior to submitting the first application to ADB for withdrawal from the Loan Account, the Borrower shall nominate an account (the Deposit Account) at the National Bank of Cambodia into which all withdrawals from the Loan Account shall be deposited. The Deposit Account shall be established, managed and liquidated in accordance with the applicable regulations and procedures of the Borrower.  
  
(b) Separate accounts and records in respect of the Deposit Account shall be maintained in accordance with accounting principles acceptable to ADB. Upon ADB's request, the Borrower shall have the financial statements for the Deposit Account audited by independent auditors, whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference are acceptable to ADB, in accordance with international standards for auditing or the national equivalent acceptable to ADB. Promptly after their preparation but in any event not later than 6 months after the date of ADB's request, copies of such audited financial statements and the opinion of the auditors on the financial statements, in the English language, shall be furnished to ADB.
4. No Loan proceeds shall be withdrawn to finance any item specified in Attachment to this Schedule.
5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Loan Agreement and except as ADB may otherwise agree, no withdrawal shall be made from the Loan Account unless: (i) the Borrower has met the Policy Actions for the release of the Loan proceeds, and (ii) those Policy Actions continue to be in effect.

**Negative List**

No withdrawals of Loan proceeds will be made for the following:

- (i) expenditures for goods included in the following groups or sub-groups of the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3 (table) or any successor groups or sub-groups under future revisions to the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification, as designated by ADB by notice to the Borrower:

**Table: Ineligible Items**

Chapter	Heading	Description of Items
112		Alcoholic beverages
121		Tobacco, unmanufactured; tobacco refuse
122		Tobacco, manufactured (whether or not containing tobacco substitute)
525		Radioactive and associated materials
667		Pearls, precious and semiprecious stones, unworked or worked
718	718.7	Nuclear reactors, and parts thereof, fuel elements (cartridges), nonirradiated for nuclear reactors
728	728.43	Tobacco processing machinery
897	897.3	Jewelry of gold, silver or platinum-group metals (except watches and watch cases) and goldsmiths' or silversmiths' wares (including set gems)
971		Gold, nonmonetary (excluding gold ore and concentrates)

Source: United Nations Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3.

- (ii) expenditures for goods supplied under a contract that any national or international financial institution or agency has financed or has agreed to finance, including any contract financed under any loan or grant from the ADB;
- (iii) expenditures for goods intended for a military or paramilitary purpose or for luxury consumption;
- (iv) expenditures for narcotics;
- (v) expenditures for environmentally hazardous goods, the manufacture, use or import of which is prohibited under the laws of the Borrower or international agreements to which the Borrower is a party; and
- (vi) expenditures on account of any payment prohibited by the Borrower in compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

**SCHEDULE 4****Program Implementation and Other Matters**Implementation Arrangements

1. The Borrower shall, through the Program Executing Agency, provide overall oversight for the Programmatic Approach and regularly monitor progress of the Programmatic Approach.
2. The Borrower shall ensure that the Program Executing Agency and the Program Implementing Agencies are adequately staffed and provided with the necessary financial, technical and other resources to perform their respective functions and responsibilities under the Programmatic Approach.

Policy Actions and Dialogue

3. The Borrower shall ensure that all of the Policy Actions adopted under the Programmatic Approach, as set forth in the Policy Letter and PDMF, continue to be in effect for the duration of the Programmatic Approach and thereafter.
4. The Borrower shall keep ADB informed of policy discussions with other multilateral and bilateral aid agencies that may have implications for the implementation of the Programmatic Approach and shall provide ADB with an opportunity to comment on any resulting policy proposals. The Borrower shall take into account ADB's views before finalizing and implementing any such proposal.

Use of Counterpart Funds

5. The Borrower shall ensure that the Counterpart Funds are used primarily to finance the implementation of certain programs and activities consistent with the objectives of the Program.

Governance and Anticorruption

6. The Borrower, the Program Executing Agency, and the Program implementing Agencies shall (a) comply with ADB's Anticorruption Policy (1998, as amended to date) and acknowledge that ADB reserves the right to investigate directly, or through its agents, any alleged corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice relating to the Program; and (b) cooperate with any such investigation and extend all necessary assistance for satisfactory completion of such investigation.

Monitoring and Review

7. The Borrower shall ensure that the Program Executing Agency: (a) undertakes periodic reviews to evaluate the scope, implementation arrangements, progress, achievement, and impact of the Programmatic Approach and PDMF; and (b) is responsible for maintaining all monitoring data and evaluation benefits of the Program and the PDMF. To facilitate ADB's semiannual reviews of the Programmatic Approach and PDMF, the Borrower shall provide relevant macroeconomic and financial data, and related information in such detail as ADB may

reasonably request. The reviews shall form the basis for discussions between the Borrower and ADB on further reforms and measures that may be considered necessary or desirable to promote the continued development of the Borrower's industry and trade sectors.