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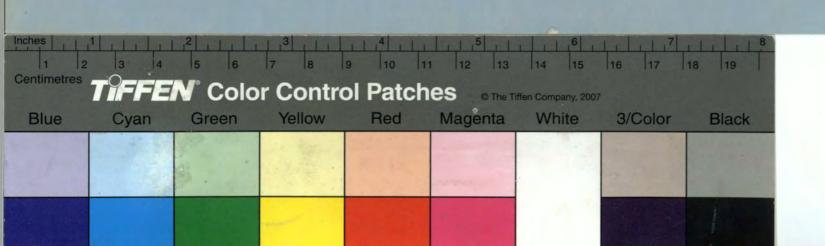
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LO-935-CM-1 The WORLD BANK and its affiliate, the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), are together providing an equivalent of \$48 million to help finance a second highway project in the United Republic of Cameroon.

In 1970, the WORLD BANK and IDA jointly provided an equivalent of \$19 million in order to assist the Government in financing the improvement of the N'Gaounderé-Garoua road section of the Transcameroon route, a major interregional and international link about 1,240 miles long which connects the heavily populated and potentially productive northern provinces with the rest of the country and the sea, particularly with Yaounde, the capital, and Douala, the main port. It also serves the southwestern part of landlocked Chad. To complete the Transcameroon route system involves expanding the port of Douala, increasing the capacity of the railway link from Douala to Yaounde, extending this railway to N'Gaounderé, and providing a better road from Garoua to Mora.

The present project will contribute to meeting this objective by reconstructing the last low-standard road section of the Transcameroon route. Two sections of the heavily traveled Douala-Bafoussam-Foumban axis will also be reconstructed. Feasibility and detailed engineering studies were partly financed through the first project. The present project also includes financing of a feasibility study of forestry feeder roads and studies and technical assistance for the improvement of the highway maintenance system, improvement of transport planning and coordination and formulation of forestry policy and legislation. The United Nations Development Programme is providing technical assistance.

Among those present at the signing of the loan and credit documents on September 26, 1973, were, from left to right: His Excellency Francois-Eavier Tchoungui, Ambassador of Cameroon; and Mr. Wilfried P. Thalwitz, Projects Department Director of WORLD BANK and IDA.

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