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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA)
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CR-563-AF-1 The INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK, is providing \$9 million to help finance a water supply and sanitation project in Kabul, Afghanistan's capital and its largest city.

The project being assisted by the IDA credit is the first stage of the implementation of a 30-year master plan for water supply and sewerage in Greater Kabul. It will help to provide a reliable service 24 hours a day for the poorest section of the continuously growing urban community and will bring water to thousands of new consumers. A continuous supply of water will avoid the negative pressure in the distribution pipes which at present encourages infiltration of polluted groundwater. The sanitation component of the project will improve sanitary conditions in the Old City where the poorest part of Kabul's population is living and the need is greatest.

Among those present at the signing of the credit documents on June 23, 1975, were, from left to right: Mr. Kwaku Gyasi-Twum, Alternate Executive Director of IDA for Afghanistan; His Excellency Abdullah Malikyar, Ambassador of Afghanistan to the United States; and Mr. Willi A. Wapenhans, Acting Vice President, Europe, Middle East and North Africa Region, WORLD BANK and IDA.

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