

Ln.3507-TUN Municipal Sector Investment Project: US\$75.0 Million Loan of October 7, 1992; Effective Date: April 22, 1993; Closing Date: December 31, 1999; Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Interior. The project finances the following components: (a) institutional strengthening for the municipalities, MOI, and Ministry of Finance (MOF); (b) institutional strengthening for the Municipal Development Fund (CPSCL); and (c) priority infrastructure investments for municipalities and regional councils. The municipal investment component has started expeditiously. The project is disbursing satisfactorily. However, the Municipal staff training component is starting slowly and the local tax reform is almost two years late.

Ln.3601-TUN Second Forestry Development Project: US\$69.0 million Loan of December 22, 1993; Effective Date: April 14, 1994; Closing Date: December 31, 2000; Implementing Agency: Directorate General of Forests (DGF) of the Ministry of Agriculture. The Project includes: (a) execution of infrastructure (firebreaks, housing, roads, observation towers), preparation of management plans covering 85,000 ha across sites selected for environmental services and production potential, silvicultural works for cork oak (5,000 ha) and of Aleppo pine (14,200 ha) regeneration, and thinning operations over 2,300 ha of cork oak coppices, 20,600 ha of young stands of natural aleppo pine, 7,800 ha of eucalyptus coppices, and 21,200 ha of pine plantation; (b) establishment of plantations (25,400 ha) on National Forest Estate, 4,100 ha of stream banks plantations for riparian protection, 500 ha of plantations on farmland, and establishment and improvement of nurseries; (c) establishment of prairies (1,550 ha), shrub plantations (7,150 ha), improved natural rangeland (2,350 ha), cactus plantations (1,550 ha), and rehabilitation of existing pastures (1,400 ha); studies, technical assistance, training and equipment to forestry-related departments; (f) supporting the implementation of a research program focussing on testing forest bio-systems; (e) strengthening forest related institutions at central and regional levels.

Ln. 3661-TUN Agricultural Sector Investment Loan (ASIL): US\$120 million Loan of December 22, 1993; Effective Date: April 13, 1994; Closing Date: June 30, 1999; Implementing Agency: Ministry of Agriculture (MOA). The central objective of the Project is sectoral growth through improved management of public resources, complementary policies and finance for public investments. This would be achieved through commitments to finance line items in the MOA's annual investment budgets for 1994-97, contingent on progress