- 3. The amount of the Bank's disbursed equity investments shall not at any time exceed an amount corresponding to its total unimpaired paid-in subscribed capital, surpluses and general reserve.
- 4. The Bank shall not issue guarantees for export credits nor undertake insurance activities.

## Article 13

## OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The Bank shall operate in accordance with the following principles:

- (i) the Bank shall apply sound banking principles to all its operations;
- (ii) the operations of the Bank shall provide for the financing of specific projects, whether individual or in the context of specific investment programmes, and for technical assistance, designed to fulfil its purpose and functions as set out in Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement;
- (iii) the Bank shall not finance any undertaking in the territory of a member if that member objects to such financing;
- (iv) the Bank shall not allow a disproportionate amount of its resources to be used for the benefit of any member;
- (v) the Bank shall seek to maintain reasonable diversification in all its investments;
- (vi) before a loan, guarantee or equity investment is granted, the applicant shall have submitted an adequate proposal and the President of the Bank shall have presented to the Board of Directors a written report regarding the proposal, together with recommendations, on the basis of a staff study;
- (vii) the Bank shall not undertake any financing, or provide any facilities, when the applicant is able to obtain sufficient financing or facilities elsewhere on terms and conditions that the Bank considers reasonable:
- (viii) in providing or guaranteeing financing, the Bank shall pay due regard to the prospect that the borrower and its guarantor, if any, will be in a position to meet their obligations under the financing contract;
- (ix) in case of a direct loan made by the Bank, the borrower shall be permitted by the Bank to draw its funds only to meet expenditure as it is actually incurred;
- (x) the Bank shall seek to revolve its funds by selling its investments to private investors whenever it can appropriately do so on satisfactory terms: