

Modernization of the National Customs Bureau

URUGUAY

SECTOR:	Planning & Reform
PROJECT NAME:	Modernization of the National Customs Bureau (815/OC-UR)
TOTAL COST:	\$1,100,000
FINANCING:	
IDB	\$1,050,000
LOCAL	\$ 50,000
DATE OF APPROVAL:	June 15, 1994
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	<p>The objective of this technical cooperation is to support a program to modernize and strengthen the National Custom Bureau (DNA). The program will include activities in five areas: (a) regulations: customs regulations will be updated and new regula-tions prepared under the respective code and for the new organization; (b) organizational structure: the management of the DNA will be reorganized and de-centralized; (c) operating procedures: foreign trade operations procedures will be simplified and inspect-ion of enterprises and goods will be implemented; (d) training and human resources: a customs career service, as well as training programs, will be designed and staffing will be streamlined; and (e) information processing: a computerized information system will be developed and expanded.</p> <p>The expected benefits of this program are to expedite enforcement of customs regulations and conduct of foreign trade operations; to reduce the cost of customs operations, which will have a positive effect on Uruguay's exporting power; and to increase customs receipts as a result of enhanced efficiency of the control and valuation systems.</p>
CONSULTANTS:	Consulting services will be contracted for an approximate

total of 172 staff-months, of which 23 staff-months will involve international consultants and 149 staff-months will

be

for local consultants in the following areas: (a) international: experts in customs, valuation, inspection and the harmonized system; and (b) national: experts in personnel management, customs legislation, information processing, organization and methods, auditing, tax law and accounting.

GOODS & EQUIPMENT:

The Bank's financing will be used to acquire computer and basic software (network manager, database and processor, along with a package of hardware and software) for communications.

CIVIL WORKS:

Not applicable.

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