BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves issuance by the President of contracts of political risk insurance under Section 234 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, covering political risks to equity investments, guarantees, and debt investments to Accroven, S.R.L., for the construction and operation of natural gas extraction, fractionation, refrigeration and storage facilities in Venezuela; provided, however, that the Corporation's maximum liability pursuant to the coverage issued hereunder shall not exceed \$200,000,000 plus interest and any other amounts relating to compensation paid pursuant to the terms of such contracts.

Approved by the Board of Directors on September 22, 1998

Connie M. Downs

Corporate Secretary