BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves issuance by the President of a contract of political risk insurance under Section 234 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, covering political risks to an eligible investment in Eletricidade e Serviços, S.A, an electricity distribution company in Brazil; provided, however, that the Corporation's maximum liability pursuant to the coverage issued hereunder shall not exceed \$200 million 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