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JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the President to sign on behalf of the United States the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund and the Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized on behalf of the United States (a) to sign the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund), and the Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter referred to as the Bank), both as set forth in the Final Act of the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference dated July 22, 1944 and deposited in the archives of the Department of State, and (b) to cause to be deposited the instrument specified by Article XX, Section 2(a), of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund and the instrument specified by Article XI, Section 2(a), of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank.

SEC. 2. Appointment of governors and executive directors. The President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a governor of the Fund and an alternate, a governor of the Bank and an alternate, an executive director of the Fund and an executive director of the Bank. Governors, their alternates and executive directors, shall serve at the pleasure of the President. Executive directors shall, with the approval of the President, appoint alternates. Governors and their alternates shall be eligible to appointment either as executive directors or as alternates.

SEC. 3. Administration.

(a) The President shall require, in such manner as he deems appropriate, that the governors and executive directors of the Fund and the Bank, and their alternates, act consistently with general policies established or approved by him, and keep him fully informed of their activities.

(b) The President, through any agency that he may designate, is hereby authorized to act for and on behalf of the United States in its relations with the Fund and the Bank.

(c) The President from time to time, but not less frequently than every six months, shall transmit to the Congress a report, with respect to the Fund and the Bank, of the activities of the United States, the governors and executive directors of the Fund and the Bank, and their alternates.

SEC. 4. Certain acts not to be undertaken without authorization. Without specific authorization in advance by joint resolution of Congress, no person shall on behalf of the United States (a) request or consent to any change in the quota of the United States under Article III, Section 2, of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund; (b) approve any change in the par value of the United States dollar under Article IV, Section 5, of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund, or approve any general change in par values under Section 7 of that Article; (c) vote for an increase of capital stock under Article II, Section 2, of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank, or subscribe to additional shares of stock under Section 3 of that Article; (d) accept any amendment under Article XVII of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund or Article VIII of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank.

SEC. 5. Communication of par value. The President, upon the request of the Fund, shall communicate to the Fund the par value of the United States dollar, which shall be defined as 15-5/21 grains of gold nine-tenths fine.

SEC. 6. Designation of depositories. The Secretary of the Treasury may designate the Treasurer of the United States and/or one or more Federal Reserve Banks, in their capacity as fiscal agent of the United States, to be depositories of the Fund and the Bank.

SEC. 7. Payment of subscriptions.

(a) The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to issue from time to time at par notes on the credit of the United States and to deliver such notes to the Fund and the Bank for the purpose of meeting any part of the subscriptions of the United States to the Fund and the Bank, in excess of \$1,800,000,000, and for the purposes of Article III, Section 5, of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund and Article V, Section 12, of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank. The notes provided for in this section shall be issued under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, and the purposes for which securities may be issued under that Act are extended to include the purposes for which notes are authorized and directed to be issued under this section; Provided, That such notes shall bear no interest, shall be non-negotiable and shall be payable on demand of the Fund or the Bank as the case may be.

(b) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the sum appropriated by subsection (b) of Section 10 of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934, 48 Stat. 341 (U.S.C. title 31, sec. 822a), as amended, \$1,800,000,000 and, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to comply fully with the obligations assumed by the United States pursuant to the Articles of Agreement of the Fund and the Articles of Agreement of the Bank.

SEC. 8. Obtaining and furnishing information. The President is hereby authorized to require at any time, pursuant to the provisions of Section 5(b) of the Trading with the enemy Act, 40 Stat. 415 (U.S.C. title 50 App., Sec. 5), as amended, the furnishing of such data as in his judgment is necessary and essential for the guidance of the United States in its participation in the Fund and the Bank or as may be requested by the Fund under Article VIII, Section 5 of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund.

SEC. 9. Removal of prohibition on dealings in securities. Section 1 of the Act of April 13, 1934, 48 Stat. 574 (U.S.C. title 31, Sec. 804a), is amended by the addition of the following sentence:

"The provisions of this Act shall not apply to the sale or purchase of bonds, securities or other obligations issued by any foreign government, or any organization or association acting for or on behalf of a foreign government, while it is a member of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development."

SEC. 10. Jurisdiction of suits. Any suit at law or in equity, brought within the United States, its territories and possessions, to which either the Fund or the Bank shall be a party, shall be deemed to arise under the laws of the United States, and the district courts of the United States shall have original jurisdiction of all such suits. The Fund or the Bank, as the case may be, when a defendant in any such suit, may at any time before the trial thereof remove such suit into the district court of the United States for the proper district by following the procedure for removal of causes otherwise provided by law.