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To: Members of the Executive Board  
From: The Acting Secretary  
Subject: Forthcoming Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors

Attached for consideration by the Executive Directors is a paper on forthcoming Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors.

This subject has been tentatively scheduled for discussion on Friday, August 3, 1984.

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INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Forthcoming Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors

Prepared by the Secretary's Department

(In consultation with the Legal Department)

Approved by Joseph Lang

July 20, 1984

Introduction

1. By memoranda dated July 11 and 12, 1984, the Executive Directors for Germany transmitted letters of invitation to the Managing Director of the Fund and the President of The World Bank and its Affiliates from the Governors for the Federal Republic of Germany to hold the 1988 Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors in Berlin (West) (Attachment I).
2. The letters of invitation include assurances that necessary facilities will be provided and prompt issuance of visas and avoidance of undue customs delays will be accorded to all delegates, other participants and their spouses.
3. Following initial approaches by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Secretaries of the Fund and Bank, accompanied by staff, visited Germany in June 1984, in order to discuss essential terms and conditions for holding Annual Meetings. The Secretaries were given satisfactory assurances in this regard by the German authorities. The Secretaries also inspected the facilities.

Basic Accommodation Requirements for Meetings

4. In the discussions with the German authorities, the staff concentrated on the main requirements for holding Annual Meetings: a Plenary Hall suitable for accommodating the opening ceremonies and regular sessions; related and supporting space, including meeting rooms equipped with amplification and simultaneous interpretation systems, offices for delegations, officers and staff; adequate airport, parking and telecommunications facilities and acceptable hotel accommodation.

Proposed Arrangements for 1988

5. The German authorities recommended the International Congress Center (ICC Berlin) and the connecting Exhibition Building as the site of the Meetings. The ICC is located close to the City Center and about 15 minutes from the Tegel Airport. The Center was completed in 1979 and is one of the largest and most modern conference centers of the World.

6. The Center consists of a number of large and medium-sized meeting rooms, fully equipped with amplification and simultaneous interpretation systems. The capacities of the two largest rooms are 5000 and 3300, respectively, which could accommodate the opening ceremonies and following plenary sessions.

7. The Congress Center is connected to the Exhibition Building by a permanent three-level passageway. All offices for delegations, staff and Joint Secretariat would be made available within the Congress and Exhibition complex. All related and supporting space as well as ample parking facilities are available within the ICC Complex.

8. With regard to hotel accommodation, sufficient rooms and suites have been blocked on a tentative basis to meet the needs of all participants. The hotel accommodation would be of deluxe or first-class category. Most hotels are located within 10 minutes' drive from the Congress Center and there will be ample space available for social events. All other facilities, including telecommunications and the modern Tegel Airport would be completely adequate. Accordingly, the staff conclusion is that the 1988 Annual Meetings could take place in Berlin (West).

9. The convening of the Fund and Bank Annual Meetings in Berlin (West) would be in accord with the Quadripartite Agreement negotiated by the Four Powers and signed on September 3, 1971, which states in part in Annexes IV-A and IV-B that "Provided that matters of security and status are not affected,...Meetings of international organizations and international conferences...may be held in the Western Sectors of Berlin. Invitations will be issued by the Senat or jointly by the Federal Republic of Germany and the Senat."

10. It will be recalled that the Boards of Governors have decided that the 1985 Annual Meetings will be held in Seoul, Korea, and that the 1986 and 1987 Annual Meetings will be held in Washington, D.C. These arrangements reflect the practice, followed since 1953, that the Fund and Bank hold two successive Annual Meetings in Washington, and, in the third year, hold the Annual Meetings abroad. Acceptance of the German invitation would be in accordance with this practice as well as with the practice of rotation of Annual Meetings outside Washington between different geographical areas.

11. If the Boards of Governors were to accept the German invitation for 1988, decisions could be made that Washington would be the site of the Annual Meetings in 1989 and 1990, thus maintaining the established three-year rotation of Annual Meetings.

12. The German authorities have confirmed that the normal preferred timing would be convenient to them and that an acceptable period would be Tuesday, September 27 to Friday, September 30, with ancillary meetings taking place in the week before. These dates would be free of any religious holiday conflicts as well as national holidays in Germany. A listing of dates for meetings in the period 1970-90 is included for information as Attachment II.

Proposal

13. It is proposed that the Executive Board approve the transmittal of the attached draft Report (Attachment III) to the Board of Governors for a vote by mail and that the Secretary take such further action as he shall deem necessary or appropriate to conduct the vote. The Report recommends that the invitation of the Governors for Germany be accepted for 1988 and that the Annual Meetingss take place in Washington, D.C. in 1989 and 1990. The same proposal is being presented to the Executive Directors of The World Bank.

Att: (3)

To: The Managing Director

July 11, 1984

From: Mr. Laske

Subject: Annual Meeting 1988

I have been instructed by my authorities to convey to you an invitation to hold the 1988 Annual Meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Berlin (West).

Simultaneously, my authorities are informing the Governors of the member countries of the International Monetary Fund of this invitation.

The invitation reads as follows:

Mr. J. de Larosière  
Managing Director  
International Monetary Fund  
Washington, D.C. 20431

Dear Mr. de Larosière,

On behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and of the Senat I take great honor in formally extending an invitation to hold the 1988 Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank and its Affiliates in Berlin (West).

Berlin (West) has a longstanding tradition as a city for international conventions and it has all the necessary advanced infrastructure. Its International Congress Centre, built a few years ago, is one of the world's most modern facilities which fully meets the requirements of the Fund and the Bank.

Prompt issuance of visas and expeditious clearance of customs will be accorded to all Governors, Alternate Governors, Advisors, staffs of the Fund and Bank, accredited observers, special guests, press and any other visitors permitted by the Organizations to be present for the Meetings as well as the accompanying family members of all the foregoing.

A similar invitation has been sent to the President of the World Bank.

Yours sincerely

Karl Otto Pöhl  
Governor of the International  
Monetary Fund for the  
Federal Republic of Germany

I would be grateful, if you could take the necessary steps for the required vote of the Board of Governors on the location for the 1988 Annual Meeting.

DATES OF ANNUAL MEETINGS - 1970 - 1990

Copenhagen	1970	September 21 - September 25, 1970
Washington, D.C.	1971	September 27 - October 1, 1971
Washington, D.C.	1972	September 25 - September 29, 1972
Nairobi	1973	September 24 - September 28, 1973
Washington, D.C.	1974	September 30 - October 4, 1974
Washington, D.C.	1975	September 1 - September 5, 1975
Manila	1976	October 4 - October 8, 1976
Washington, D.C.	1977	September 26 - September 30, 1977
Washington, D.C.	1978	September 25 - September 28, 1977
Belgrade	1979	October 2 - October 5, 1979
Washington, D.C.	1980	September 30 - October 3, 1980
Washington, D.C.	1981	September 29 - October 2, 1981
Toronto	1982	September 6 - September 9, 1982
Washington, D.C.	1983	September 27 - September 30, 1983
Washington, D.C.	1984	September 24 - September 27, 1984
Seoul	1985	October 8 - October 11, 1985
Washington, D.C.	1986	September 30 - October 3, 1986
Washington, D.C.	1987	September 29 - October 2, 1987

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Berlin (West)	1988	September 27 - September 30, 1988
Washington, D.C.	1989	September 26 - September 29, 1989
Washington, D.C.	1990	September 25 - September 28, 1990

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Forthcoming Annual Meetings

The Governor for the Federal Republic of Germany, on behalf of the Government and the Senat, has invited the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and its Affiliates to hold the Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors in Berlin (West) during the period September 27-September 30, 1988. The Executive Board has considered the assurances given by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, have reviewed the proposed arrangements in Berlin (West), and have noted that acceptance of the invitation would be in accordance with the traditional practice of meeting elsewhere than in Washington, D.C. every third year. In this connection, it will be recalled that the Boards of Governors previously had decided that the 1985 Annual Meetings would be held in Seoul, Korea, and that the 1986 and 1987 Annual Meetings would take place in Washington, D.C.

Acceptance of the German invitation also would permit related decisions to be taken that the Annual Meetings should be convened in Washington, D.C. in 1989 and 1990. Accordingly, the Executive Board recommends that the Board of Governors adopt the following resolution:



RESOLVED:

"THAT the invitation of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and of the Senat to hold the Annual Meetings in Berlin (West) in 1988 be accepted;

THAT the 1988 Annual Meetings be convened on Tuesday, September 27, 1988; and

THAT the 1989 and 1990 Annual Meetings be convened, respectively, on Tuesday, September 26 and September 25, in Washington, D.C."

