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To: Members of the Executive Board
From: The Secretary
Subject: Review of the Guidelines for Borrowing by the Fund

There is attached for the records of the Executive Directors the Acting Secretary's understanding of the decision on guidelines for borrowing, adopted by the Executive Board at Executive Board Meeting 83/181 on December 23, 1983.

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INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Guidelines for Borrowing by the Fund
Amendment to Decision No. 7040-(82/7), January 13, 1982

Executive Board Meeting 83/181 - December 23, 1983

Quota subscriptions are and should remain the basic source of the Fund's financing. However, borrowing by the Fund provides an important temporary supplement to its resources. In present circumstances, it facilitates the provision of balance of payments assistance to its members under the Fund's policies of supplementary financing and enlarged access.

The confidence of present and potential creditors in the Fund will depend not only on the prudence and soundness of its financial policies but also on the effective performance of its various responsibilities, including, in particular, its success in promoting adjustment.

Against this background the Executive Board approves the following guidelines on borrowing by the Fund.

1. Fund borrowing shall remain subject to a process of continuous monitoring by the Executive Board in the light of the above considerations. For this purpose, the Executive Board will regularly review the Fund's liquidity and financial position, taking into account all relevant factors of a quantitative and qualitative nature.

2. Subject to paragraph 4 below, the Fund will not allow the total of outstanding borrowing plus unused credit lines to exceed the range of 50-60 percent of the total of Fund quotas. If the total of outstanding borrowing plus unused credit lines reaches the level of 50 percent of quotas, the Executive Board shall assess the various technical factors that determine, at that time, the availability of balances of unused lines of credit. While this assessment is being made, the total of outstanding borrowing plus unused credit lines may rise, if necessary, beyond 50 percent, but shall not exceed 60 percent of total quotas.

3. The total of outstanding borrowing plus unused credit lines under paragraph 2 above shall include, in respect of the GAB and borrowing arrangements associated with the GAB, either outstanding borrowing by the Fund under these arrangements, or two thirds of the total of credit lines under these arrangements, whichever is the greater.

4. In the case of major developments, the Executive Board shall promptly review, and may adjust, the guidelines. In any event, the guidelines shall be reviewed when the Board of Governors has completed

the Ninth General Review of Quotas, or when there is a significant change in the GAB or associated arrangements, and may be adjusted as a result of such reviews.

5. The percentage limits specified in paragraph 2 above, or any other limits that may be adopted as a result of a review pursuant to paragraph 4 above, are not to be understood, at any time, as targets for borrowing by the Fund.