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To: Members of the Executive Board
From: The Secretary
Subject: Western Samoa--Request for Technical Assistance

In 1981, pursuant to a request from the Western Samoan authorities, a mission from the Fiscal Affairs Department undertook a review of the country's tax system (EBD/81/35, 2/6/81). This mission made certain recommendations, including the enactment of an excise tax. The Western Samoan authorities are now in the process of drafting an excise tax law which they wish to have enacted before their Parliament adjourns on December 1. They have requested that the draft legislation be reviewed by the staff of the Fund prior to enactment.

In order to meet this request, it is proposed that Mr. Olav Snelling, Assistant General Counsel for Taxation, who is at present in Fiji on a technical assistance assignment, visit Western Samoa for a few days during next week.

Unless an Executive Director requests by the close of business today, Friday, November 18, 1983, that this matter be brought to the agenda for discussion, the proposed decision will be deemed approved on a lapse-of-time basis and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

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