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ATTENTION**

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October 28, 1983

To: Members of the Executive Board
From: The Secretary
Subject: Zambia - Request for a Fund Representative

The Committee on Administrative Policies has approved on a lapse-of-time basis a proposal as set forth in the attached memorandum to establish a Fund resident representative post in Zambia. The Committee recommends that the resident post be established as an addition to the 22 posts included in the ceiling which has been set for FY 1984. As a result, the overall staff ceiling for FY 1984 would also be raised from 1,607 to 1,608.

In the absence of objection by noon on Wednesday, November 2, 1983, the recommendation of the Committee will be deemed approved by the Executive Board and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

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Office Memorandum

TO : Members of the Committee
on Administrative Policies

FROM : The Chairman

DATE: October 20, 1983

SUBJECT : Zambia--Request for a Fund Representative

The Zambian authorities have requested the placement of a Fund representative in Lusaka. It is intended to comply with this request by assigning Mr. Jukka Paljarvi, Economist in the Exchange and Trade Relations Department, to this post for an initial period of one year beginning November 1983.

The establishment of a Fund resident representative post in Lusaka would exceed the ceiling of 22 posts set forth in the FY 1984 budget.

The Zambian authorities have requested that a Fund representative be stationed in Lusaka to assist the Zambian authorities with the monitoring and implementation of the current financial program. In view of the severe financial problems facing Zambia and of the authorities' demonstrated strong commitment to the program, we feel that this request is justified. The presence of a Fund representative in Lusaka would not only increase the chances of a successful implementation of the current program but would also facilitate preparations for another stand-by arrangement for Zambia expected in 1984.

It is therefore recommended that the post be established as an addition to the number included in the ceiling which has been set for FY 1984. As a result, the overall staff ceiling for FY 1984 would be raised from 1607 to 1608. As is now the practice, the Zambian authorities will be requested to make a contribution to the cost of the assignment in the form of office space and secretarial assistance, and a car for official use.