

**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

EBD/98/63

June 18, 1998

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: **Andorra—Request for Technical Assistance**

A request has been received from the government of Andorra for technical assistance in the statistics field. The authorities have sought a short, diagnostic staff visit to assess current statistical methodologies and compilation practices.

While the authorities have not yet applied for Fund membership, they view the Fund's technical assistance as preparation for eventual membership. This visit would be of very low cost as it would consist of only a few days stopover on return from another mission.

It is proposed to comply with this request by sending Mr. Keith Dublin, Deputy Division Chief (STA), in July to Andorra. Pursuant to Rule N-16(d), it is proposed that the Executive Board approve this staff visit.

In the absence of a request for discussion by an Executive Director by noon on Wednesday, June 24, 1998, the proposal will be deemed to have been approved by the Executive Board, and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

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