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August 14, 1995

To: Members of the Committee on Administrative Policies
From: The Committee Secretary
Subject: External Assignments to Provide Technical Expertise

The attached note of transmittal of EB/CAP/95/5 (8/11/95) is
reissued to correct the date in paragraph 1 to read "August 16, 1995,"

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Subject: External Assignments to Provide Technical Expertise

There is attached for consideration by the Committee a paper on external assignments to provide technical expertise. It recommends that the maximum period for such assignments which can be authorized by the Managing Director be extended from two to three years. In the absence of a request to the Committee Secretary by the close of business on Wednesday, August 16, 1995 that this matter be taken up by the Committee, the proposed recommendation will be deemed approved by the Committee for transmittal to the Executive Board.

Mr. Swain (ext. 36565) or Ms. Thorn (ext. 37633) is available to answer any technical or factual questions relating to this paper.

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External Assignments to Provide Technical Expertise

Prepared by the Administration Department
(In consultation with the Legal Department)

August 11, 1995

This paper seeks the recommendation of the Committee on Administrative Policies (CAP) to the Executive Board that the Managing Director's authority to approve External Assignments to Provide Technical Expertise be extended from two to three years.

The extension of an external assignment of a Fund staff member to provide technical expertise beyond two years currently requires the approval of the Executive Board. ^{1/} On March 20, 1995, the Executive Board adopted a decision authorizing the Managing Director to approve External Assignments for Professional and Career Development for up to a maximum of three years (EBAP/95/19, 3/20/95). Any extensions beyond three years would be subject to Board approval. Previously, the Managing Director was authorized to approve such assignments for up to a maximum of two years.

The papers submitted to the CAP and the Executive Board last March proposing this extension of authority for approval of External Assignments for Professional and Career Development inadvertently omitted a proposal for a similar extension for the authorization period for External Assignments to Provide Technical Expertise. In keeping with this recent decision, it is proposed, again for reasons of efficiency and consistency, that the Managing Director be authorized to approve External Assignments to Provide Technical Expertise for a duration not to exceed three years. Extensions beyond three years would be subject to approval by the Executive Board.

Proposed Recommendation

It is proposed that the Committee on Administrative Policies recommend to the Executive Board the adoption of the following decision:

The Executive Board authorizes the Managing Director to approve
External Assignments to Provide Technical Expertise under the External
Assignments Program for a duration not to exceed three years.

^{1/} Under the External Assignments to Provide Technical Expertise program, as currently outlined in GAO 7, Rev. 1, Annex VI, the Managing Director may approve a period of leave without pay in the interest of the Fund for up to two years for a staff member to provide technical expertise to a member country or organization that serves member countries if the technical expertise is deemed not to be readily available in the receiving member country or organization. Typically, the assignment is with a Central Bank or a government institution whose activities complement those of the Fund. Assignments are typically initiated through direct contact by government authorities to the Fund.