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To: Members of the Committee of the Whole  
on the Development Committee

From: The Acting Secretary

Subject: Development Committee - Revised Annotated Agenda

There is attached the revised draft annotated agenda for the Development Committee meeting on April 28 and 29, 1983, reflecting the comments made by the Bank's Executive Directors at their meetings on March 23 and 24, 1983.

This subject has been scheduled for discussion by the Committee on Monday, March 28, 1983.

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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Annotated Agenda  
for the Meeting in Washington, D.C.  
April 28-29, 1983

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1. Elements of Global Economic Recovery Efforts

- (i) Financial flows from and level of lending by  
multilateral institutions and implications  
for their capital base

(a) IBRD

~~The background paper for this item will be the Board paper on  
alternative lending plans of the World Bank (DG/83---) and the Summary  
of the outcome of the Board discussions on the subject (DG/83---, Supr-1).~~

Over the past few months, the management of IBRD has completed a re-examination of future IBRD lending plans, taking into account both changes in the demand for IBRD lending and changes in the prospective supply of external capital. A principal conclusion of that review was the need to reorient the FY83 and FY84 programs along the lines described in the recent memorandum on the Program of Special Assistance<sup>1/</sup> which was approved by the Board in February 1983.

For the years after FY84, this same country-by-country review has indicated ~~led to the conclusion~~ *led management to the conclusion* that the current planning assumptions made in 1981, which envisaged an IBRD lending program of \$60 billion during the period FY82-86, fall short of what the Bank ~~could~~ *can and should* do to assist borrowers during this period. Accordingly, management has initiated a discussion of possible

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<sup>1/</sup> World Bank Program of Special Assistance to Member Countries, 1983-84, R83-22, dated January 28, 1983.

alternative lending plans for the five-year period FY83-87, and, In that connection, the capital requirements of the IBRD have also been re-examined, and The possibility of a selective capital increase has also been noted raised.

It is expected that the Board of Directors of the IBRD will begin-to discuss these issues in (early April), and pending-the-outcome-of-the discussions-of-the-paper-(DG/83-2)-a-summary-of-the-discussion-(DC/83-2, Supr-1)-will-become-the-background-for-the-forthcoming-meeting, a summary of-the-outcome-of-those-discussions-will-be-distributed-to-the-Development Committee-in-advance-of-the-forthcoming-meeting. A summary of the outcome of those discussions will be distributed to the Development Committee in advance of the forthcoming meeting.

After-this-paper-on-alternative-lending-plans-has-been-discussed-and-approved-by-the-Board,-the-following-paragraph-will-be-added-to-the-annotated-agenda,

Ministers may wish to:

- note action-taken the Special Assistance Program approved by the World Bank Executive Board in February 1983 to accelerate financial flows from the Bank; and discuss the scope for adopting similar measures in bilateral programs;
- express support for revising the-revised planning assumptions for the Bank to determine the scope for expansion of Bank lending program in real terms during the next five years, and urge the Bank Board of Directors to continue to review the capital requirements of the Bank taking into account the prospective increased increased financing requirements of the

developing countries; and in light of the Eighth General Review of Quotas of the Fund; and and

-- urge that a start be made in the consideration of a selective capital increase following the Eighth General Review of Quotas of the Fund;

-- urge that in accordance with past policy and practice of the Bank, a start of discussions in the Board should be made for the consideration of the scope for a selective capital increase following the Eighth General Review of Quotas in the Fund.

(b) Other Multilateral Development Institutions

The paper on the lending operations and resource requirements of the multilateral development institutions in the changed circumstances of the 1980s and possible implications for their capital base is based on the material received from the Asian Development Bank (AsDB), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). It describes the lending programs of the four institutions, and the difficulties they face in the replenishment of resources. While, for the Asian Development Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, the negotiations for replenishment of resources are now have been completed, The difficulties faced in the replenishment of resources for the African Development Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development are also explained continuing. It describes the lending programs of the four institutions and the difficulties they face in the replenishment of resources in their recent negotiations.

Ministers may wish to:

- take note of the resource needs of the MDIs in the period ahead and in the context of the perspective availability of public and private capital from other sources; and
- recommend governments to take urgent steps to meet the pledges already made and to seek means of financing the future requirements of both ordinary and concessional funds including, where needed, an increase in their capital base to enable them to continue to play their ~~useful~~ important role in the development efforts of the member countries.

(ii) Status and Funding of IDA

The background paper for this item ~~will be~~ is DC/83-3.

The paper points out that there have been delays in the availability of IDA-6 commitment authority in terms of the IDA-6 Resolution. The delays and reductions in the U.S. appropriations have resulted in a significant shortfall in the resources available to the Association for financing the commitments it had originally planned for FY82-83. Such delays also threatened to disrupt the Association's lending program for FY84. This disruption was ameliorated by the agreement of donors other than the United States to provide Special Contributions totaling about \$2 billion over and above their contributions to IDA-6. These actions notwithstanding, and assuming that the United States will make a payment of \$945 million for the third installment of its IDA-6 contribution, the Association's lending program will result in total commitments for FY82-83 being reduced from an intended level of \$8.8 billion to a likely level of about \$6.3 billion. Such reductions have had to be made at a time when the low-income developing

countries, and especially the poorest nations in Sub-Saharan Africa and other regions, have been particularly badly affected by the prolonged global recession.

Finally, the stretching out of IDA-6 contributions by the United States has delayed the start of negotiations for the Seventh Replenishment which was originally to have come into effect by July 1, 1983. As stated in the paper (DC/83-3), negotiations for IDA-7, which began in November 1982, are now in progress although uncertainties remain about their conclusion and, consequently, the date on which IDA-7 might be expected to become effective.

Ministers may wish:

- in light of the serious situation of IDA-6 and continuing uncertainty about IDA-7, to urge the United States to provide its full third payment of \$945 million in FY83 and to complete its IDA-6 contribution in FY84;
- to take note of the continuing serious economic difficulties of the poorest developing countries and urge governments to do their utmost to ensure an IDA-7 of maximum possible size, keeping in view the expanding needs for concessional assistance of IDA borrowers; and
- to urge that IDA-7 negotiations be concluded as early as possible so that the Seventh Replenishment would become effective no later than July 1, 1984.

(iii) External debt problems of developing countries

The background papers for this item are External Debt and Debt Service of Developing Countries and Fund Policies and External Debt Servicing Problems (DC/83-5). These papers will be discussed by the Executive Directors of the Fund on April 4 6, 1983, and the Managing Director's summing up at the conclusion of that meeting will be transmitted to Committee Members (DC/83-5, Sup. 1).

The paper on External Debt and Debt Service of Developing Countries is based on a study "Trends and Prospects in International Capital Markets and Survey of External Debt Situation" prepared by the Fund staff as background to the recent World Economic Outlook exercise. It summarizes the material from that study which is of direct relevance in assessing the situation and outlook for developing countries and updates the information on bank lending to developing countries. The paper describes the growth of developing country debt and debt service over the period since 1974, outlines the dimensions of the debt servicing difficulties faced by many countries in 1982, and comments on the near term outlook with regard to financial flows and debt servicing.

The paper on Fund Policies and External Debt Servicing Problems discusses the recent experience with official multilateral and commercial bank debt reschedulings and traces the sources of current debt servicing difficulties. It describes recent initiatives to strengthen the Fund's surveillance activities on matters relating to external debt and debt management and to increase technical assistance and statistical services

provided by the Fund in these areas. Issues which have arisen with regard to the need for adequate external financing of members undertaking adjustment efforts are reviewed and recent developments in this area are outlined. The experience with external debt limitations in Fund supported programs is discussed.

Both the Bank and the Fund have taken steps to increase substantially their assistance to member countries in the areas of external debt monitoring and management. The Fund has recently expanded the role of the Central Banking Department in providing technical assistance to member countries in the external debt field and the Bank has increased the number of external debt missions by 50 per cent in the last two years. The Bank and the Fund are working together to improve external debt statistics, with the Bank introducing major improvements in its Debtor Reporting System and the Fund contributing to improving statistics on international banking flows and short-term debt.

Ministers may wish to:

- express their concern about the severity of the debt servicing problems facing many developing countries;
- stress the importance of avoiding sharp fluctuations in the level of international bank lending to developing countries and welcome the efforts of the Fund and of bank regulatory agencies in the main creditor countries to ensure that a reduction in reliance on private bank credit, where necessary, is accomplished in a manner consistent with smooth and orderly adjustment of the domestic economies of the ~~creditor~~ debtor countries;



- emphasize the necessity, in the current difficult situation, of maintaining and increasing financial flows to developing countries from official sources, both bilateral and multilateral;  
and
- note the importance for borrowing countries of monitoring their external indebtedness carefully and maintaining sound economic and debt management policies and welcome the efforts of the Bank and the Fund in cooperation to increase their assistance provided to member countries in the areas of external debt statistics and debt management.

(iv) Linkages between trade and the promotion of development

The background paper for this item is ~~(DC/83-6)~~, prepared jointly by the staffs of the Bank and the Fund. [ This paper will be discussed by the Executive Directors of the Bank and of the Fund on March 23 and 28, 1983, respectively. ]

The paper underscores the need for expanding world trade as a vital ingredient in economic development. It is only in such a context that rapid economic growth can be achieved. Expanding export earnings not only contribute directly to output and employment in the short run but, more importantly, they enable the developing countries to generate the foreign exchange necessary to increase domestic investment and, thereby achieve more rapid and sustainable growth, higher employment, and an improved standard of living for their people over the longer run. The growth of international trade during the period 1963-73 provided such an environment, and the developing countries recorded impressive growth rates during that decade.

The paper traces developments with regard to tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade, emphasizing those questions which are of particular concern to developing countries. It discusses the recent increase in protectionist pressures reinforced by lack of structural adjustment and in non-tariff barriers to trade, particularly sector-specific and bilaterally-negotiated trade actions. The economic consequences of protectionism, both for the country imposing such measures and for its trading partners, are investigated. The paper summarizes research which has concluded that an outward-looking economic strategy both promotes growth and increases the resiliency of the economy to external shocks. It explains the ways in which barriers to trade not only reduce the welfare of the nation as a whole but also ultimately undermine the viability of the sectors which the measures were originally intended to protect. The intensified efforts of the Bank and the Fund to encourage an open trading system, through both their lending policies and their ongoing dialogues with member countries, are described.

In the Declaration adopted at their meeting in November 1982, GATT Ministers recognized that "the multilateral trading system, of which the General Agreement is the legal foundation, is seriously endangered" and undertook to "make determined efforts to ensure that trade policies and measures are consistent with GATT principles and rules and to resist protectionist pressures in the formulation and implementation of national trade policy and in proposing legislation" and to "avoid measures which would limit or distort international trade." They also agreed on a

future work program, which included seeking means to "ensure the effective implementation of GATT rules and provisions and specifically those concerning the developing countries, thereby furthering the dynamic role of developing countries in international trade."

Ministers may wish to:

- recognize the interdependence of the world economy and the critical importance of global recovery for increasing the foreign exchange earnings of developing countries;
- Emphasize the importance of a coordinated approach to sustained global recovery;
- emphasize the important contribution that the expansion of world trade has made and can continue to make to the economic growth and development of both industrial and developing countries;
- welcome the intensified efforts of the Bank and the Fund to encourage an /open trading system/ /expanding world trading system/, keeping in view the special needs of developing countries, and urge the Bank and the Fund to collaborate with the GATT in keeping under careful review, in the areas of their competence, the progress made in this field;
- call upon governments to resist protectionist pressures and to step up their efforts, both at the national level and in the relevant international fora, to liberalize trade, urging in particular that governments of industrial countries refrain from introducing restrictions or negotiating agreements which would limit their imports from developing countries; and

- urge the Bank and the Fund, in continued close collaboration with GATT, UNCTAD and other agencies, to pursue their examination further in the areas of their competence on the linkages between trade and development in the light of discussions at this meeting and to keep the Development Committee informed of the results of these examinations.

2. Future Work of the Committee

No document.

3. Status/Progress Reports

(1) Co-financing

Since the Committee last met, the Board of Executive Directors of the Bank has approved the introduction of a set of new co-financing instruments designed to increase the participation of commercial banks in World Bank projects. These instruments will be tested in a pilot program during the next 12-24 months. Under the pilot program *in which participation by borrowing countries is voluntary*, the World Bank is authorized to provide up to a total of \$500 million for its participation in the commercial loans made for World Bank projects. The three forms of World Bank participation are all intended to provide longer maturities, increased financial flows or other benefits to developing country borrowers. They are: (i) direct financial participation by the World Bank in the later maturities of a commercial loan; (ii) contingent participation by the Bank in the later maturities of a commercial loan which would be initially financed entirely by commercial lenders; and (iii) guarantees of the later maturities of the commercial loan by the World Bank, instead of direct funding. Discussions of possible operations with interested borrowers have started.

Also since the Committee last met, a meeting was held in December in Washington, D.C. with representatives of 30 export credit institutions to discuss possible ways of increasing the volume of co-financing where officially guaranteed export credits can be mobilized. Follow-up discussions on a bilateral basis are taking place in areas where improvements in techniques may prove possible.

In the present circumstances an increase in co-financing with official lenders is of particular importance for IDA and its low-income borrowers. In this connection, implementation of the framework agreements entered into with the Italian and Belgian Governments is under way and the first operations under these agreements are anticipated soon. A draft frame agreement is also at an advanced stage of discussion with the Australian authorities and discussions have been initiated with the Dutch authorities.

(ii) Energy lending

*At the Toronto meeting, the Development Committee reiterated the importance of energy investment in developing countries, noted the limited resources for energy lending within the Bank and urged the Executive Directors to complete their consideration of matters referred to them at Helsinki and to report on them to the next meeting of the Committee.*

*The Bank is <sup>making</sup> now preparing a further analysis of investment and financing needs of developing countries in the energy sector and is expected to present circulate a paper on the subject to the Executive Board for consideration in April May. The developing countries' transition to high energy costs is incomplete. Heavy investments are a necessary part of the adjustment process. The World Bank ~~is-unable-to-lend~~ has not found it*

*appropriate to allocate* more than 25 per cent of its total lending for energy development ~~without~~ *as this would prejudice to* other priority sectors.