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The International Monetary Fund, at the request of the Government of Bolivia, has made payments from the Voluntary Contribution Account that have enabled Bolivia to buy back about US\$240 million of outstanding loans from creditor banks at 11 percent of the face value of the loans. In a parallel operation there will be an exchange of upwards of US\$60 million that represents a conversion of Bolivia's commercial debt into investment bonds at a similar discount.

The Voluntary Contribution Account was established by the IMF in October 1987 at the request of the Government of Bolivia to assist the country in the debt buy-back operation. A number of countries have made contributions to the account.

Further disbursements through the account to banks are contemplated by Bolivia. The amount of creditor bank claims still outstanding is approximately US\$350 million.

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