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To: Members of the Executive Board
From: The Secretary
Subject: Report on the Government Finance Statistics Course
in Spanish (1988-X)

There is attached for the information of the Executive Directors a report on the government finance statistics course (1988-X) conducted in Spanish from June 13 through August 5, 1988.

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Report on the Government Finance Statistics Course in Spanish

(1988-X)

June 13 - August 5, 1988

Introduction

The course on Government Finance Statistics, conducted in Spanish, was presented during an eight-week period from June 13 through August 5, 1988. The last time this course was given in Spanish was in early 1985.

Selection of Participants

The Admissions Committee considered 56 applications from 24 member countries for the course. The group that finally came to Washington consisted of 28 participants from the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia (2), Costa Rica, Dominican Republic (2), Ecuador (2), El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala (2), Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Mexico (2), Nicaragua, Panama (2), Peru, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay, and Venezuela (2) (see Attachment I).

Organization of the Course

The organization and substance of the course were similar to those in recent courses on Government Finance Statistics. In addition to the opening and closing sessions, a total of 58 class sessions were held (see Attachment II). The primary teaching technique used in this course was the case study, of which there were ten, each lasting from three to five consecutive half-day sessions. Case studies generally began with lectures given by the staff of the Government Finance Division of the Bureau of Statistics, and continued with exercises. For the exercises the class was divided into six working groups of four to five participants each. On the completion of their assignments the working groups met in plenary sessions to present and discuss their findings. In the case studies, use was made of published data from Fund member countries including Colombia, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, and Venezuela. Participants also worked with hypothetical examples designed to illustrate government transactions not found in these official documents.

In addition to the sessions devoted to case studies, 19 lectures were presented by the staff of the Government Finance Division covering the principles and techniques recommended by the Fund for the compilation of government finance statistics. Five lectures were presented by staff of the Institute on Fund policies and operations, 1 lecture by staff of

the Western Hemisphere Department on Area Department's Need of Government Finance Statistics, and 1 lecture by an UN official from the Statistical office on conversion of GFS data into the SNA, with a case study based on data on Venezuela provided by the country's authorities. Furthermore, 3 sessions were devoted to periodic reviews of the materials covered. The basic reference work for the lectures and workshops was the Fund's Manual on Government Finance Statistics complemented by other Fund publications (see Attachment III).

During the course each participant discussed with a staff member of the Government Finance Division the main problems in the compilation of data for his or her own country, and future plans for work in refining the collection and reporting of government finance data.

Social Activities

A tea was given at the Fund on June 13 to welcome the participants and to introduce them to members of the Admissions Committee and the staff.

The participants were entertained at luncheons hosted by their Executive Directors, and by area departments responsible for their countries. In addition, the Institute organized a number of weekend outings, including a visit to New York, and several social gatherings at the Concordia. The Institute also assisted participants in adjusting to their daily lives in the Washington area.

Certificates of attendance were presented to the participants by the Acting Director of the IMF Institute at a farewell luncheon held on August 5.

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List of ParticipantsCourse on Government Finance Statistics in Spanish, 1988-X

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5. CALDERON Ramírez, Jorge Humberto	Colombia	Technician, Public Finance Division Department of Economic Research Bank of the Republic
6. CAMACHO Encinas, Juan Carlos	Bolivia	Technician III, Technical Secretariat of Financial Information Ministry of Finance
7. CARDENAS, Mario Rafael	Venezuela	Central Budget Analyst II Evaluation Unit Central Budget Office

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27. TACCA Júnior, Luiz	Brazil	Coordinator, Secretariat of Budget and Finance Planning Secretariat Presidency of the Republic
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List of Topics

Course on Government Finance Statistics in Spanish, 1988-X

I. Introduction

Welcome Address
Administrative Arrangements for the Course

II. The Government Finance Statistics System

GFS System
Institutional Tables on Government Structure
Government Accounting and Source Documents
Commercial Accounting and Conversion to Cash Basis
Introduction to Microcomputers
Demonstration of GFS Worksheet Software for Microcomputers
Derivation of Consolidated Central Government Aggregates
Application and Analysis
Area Department's Need of GFS
Nonfinancial Public Enterprises
Implementation Procedures for Government Finance Statistics
Basic Principles of the SNA System
Relationship of GFS to the SNA

III. Fund's Activities and Policies

Organizational Aspects of the International Monetary Fund
The Fund's Code of Conduct
Origins and Uses of Fund Resources
International Liquidity and Special Drawing Rights
Recent Evolution of the International Monetary Fund

IV. Case Studies

Case Study 1 - Coverage of Government Data
Case Study 2 - Derivation of Principle Aggregates: Budgetary Central Governments
Case Study 3 - Derivation of Principle Aggregates: Consolidated Central Government
Case Study 4 - Revenue Classification
Case Study 5 - Expenditure Classification
Case Study 6 - Financing and Debt Classification
Case Study 7 - Local Government Data
Case Study 8 - Use of GFS Accounts to Derive SNA Government Accounts
Case Study 9 - Nonfinancial Public Enterprise Statistics
Case Study 10 - Application and Analysis

Closing Session

List of Documents

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Summaries

Section I

INST/88-X/1-6 Data Review

Section II

INST/88-X/2-1 Organizational Aspects of the IMF
INST/88-X/2-2 Origins and Uses of Fund Resources
INST/88-X/2-3 International Liquidity and Special Drawing Rights
INST/88-X/2-4 The Fund's Code of Conduct
INST/88-X/2-5 Recent Evolution of the IMF

Case Studies

INST/88-X/CS-1 Coverage
 and Supplements
INST/88-X/CS-2 Derivation I
 and Supplements
INST/88-X/CS-3 Derivation II
 and Supplements
INST/88-X/CS-4 Revenue Classification
 and Supplements
INST/88-X/CS-5 Expenditure Classification
 and Supplements
INST/88-X/CS-6 Financing and Debt
INST/88-X/CS-7 Statistics of Public Finance in Local Governments
 and Supplements
INST/88-X/CS-8 GFS and the SNA System
 and Supplements
INST/88-X/CS-9 Nonfinancial Public Enterprises
 and Supplements
INST/88-X/CS-10 Application and Analysis

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