

**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

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December 18, 2001

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: **Committee of the Whole for the Twelfth General Review of Quotas**

Article III, Section 2(a) of the Articles of Agreement provides that the "Board of Governors shall at intervals of not more than five years conduct a general review...of the quotas of members." In this regard, the upcoming Twelfth General Review of Quotas by the Board of Governors is to be completed not later than January 30, 2003, i.e., five years from January 30, 1998, the date on which the Eleventh General Review of Quotas was completed.

Under Rule D-3 of the Fund's Rules and Regulations, work on a general review of quotas is to be carried out in the first instance in a Committee of the Whole appointed for this purpose by the Executive Board at least one year prior to the date by which a general review of quotas must be undertaken or promptly if it is decided to conduct a general review before the date by which such a review must be undertaken. It also provides that the Committee of the Whole shall prepare a written report. Further, a work program on quota issues will be considered at a Board discussion of a forthcoming staff paper on conceptual issues relating to the Twelfth General Review of Quotas scheduled to take place in January 2002.

Accordingly, the following draft decision is proposed for adoption by the Executive Board:

In accordance with Rule D-3 of the Fund's Rules and Regulations, a Committee of the Whole for the Twelfth General Review of Quotas, with the Managing Director as Chairman, is hereby established. Committee action shall not be binding on the Executive Board. Minutes of the meetings shall be prepared and circulated for approval of Committee members.

It is not proposed to bring this matter to the agenda of the Executive Board for a discussion unless an Executive Director so requests by noon on Thursday, December 27, 2001. In the absence of such a request, the proposed decision will be deemed approved by the Executive Board and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

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