

1. NIGERIA - EXCHANGE SYSTEM

As described in EBS/86/246 and Supplement 1, Nigeria has introduced a two-tier foreign exchange market, which gives rise to a multiple currency practice and an exchange restriction. Nigeria also maintains restrictions on payments and transfers for current international transactions evidenced by external payments arrears. These measures are subject to Fund approval under Article VIII, Sections 2(a) and 3. The Fund welcomes the elimination by Nigeria of all other exchange restrictions, welcomes the intention of Nigeria to unify the exchange markets and eliminate the external payments arrears, and encourages Nigeria to do so as soon as possible. In the meantime, the Fund grants approval for the retention by Nigeria of the exchange restriction and multiple currency practice evidenced by the two-tier foreign exchange market until June 30, 1987, of the exchange restrictions evidenced by external payments arrears until March 31, 1987, and of the exchange restrictions remaining pending the execution of rescheduling agreements with each individual creditor until December 31, 1987.

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