

5. RELATIONS WITH WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) - AMENDMENT
OF SECTION 5 OF BY-LAWS - REPORT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Executive Board adopts the Report of the Executive Board to the Board of Governors, annexed hereto, proposing an amendment of Section 5 of the By-Laws, set forth in EBD/96/149 (11/19/96).

Since the matter should not be delayed until the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors, the Board of Governors is requested, pursuant to Section 13 of the By-Laws, to vote without meeting on the Resolution contained in such Report. To be valid, the votes must be received at the seat of the Fund before 6:00 p.m. Washington, D.C. time, on January 8, 1997. Votes received after that time will not be counted.

The effective date of the Resolution of the Board of Governors shall be the last day allowed for the voting.

The Secretary is authorized to take such action as he shall deem necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this decision.

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ANNEX

REPORT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 5 OF THE BY-LAWS

The Fund has recently entered into an Agreement with the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the WTO Secretariat has requested that it be afforded permanent observer status at the meetings of the Board of Governors. However, under Section 5 of the By-Laws of the Fund, only ad hoc invitations to meetings of the Board of Governors can be extended, except in the case of the United Nations where the 1947 Agreement between the Fund and the UN provides that the UN shall be entitled to send a representative to all meetings of the Board of Governors.

It is recommended that a similar invitation be extended to the WTO Secretariat. Therefore, it is proposed that the Board of Governors approve an amendment to Section 5 of the By-Laws set forth below to provide permanent observer status to the WTO at the meetings of the Board of Governors, in light of the interest in cooperation between the two organizations.

RESOLVED:

That Section 5 of the By-Laws shall be amended by adding the following paragraph:

- (e) The World Trade Organization shall be entitled to send a

member of the Secretariat as an observer to meetings of the Board of Governors.