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**Concluding Remarks by the Chairman
Special Allocation of SDRs—Draft of the Fourth Amendment
of the Articles of Agreement
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Directors generally agreed with the draft amendment prepared by the staff. The staff has noted the technical suggestions made by several speakers and will prepare the appropriate material for a further Board discussion in early 1997.

Several Directors emphasized the need to focus soon on the question of the amount of the allocation so that the agreement can be finalized before the next meeting of the Interim Committee; this is certainly the intention of all. A few Directors, however, advised not to conclude too firmly on the proposed draft, so as not to exclude definitively or prematurely other alternatives at this stage, in the event that they turned out to be useful for the final consensus.

Directors agreed to include the words “one-time allocations” or “one-time special allocations” in schedule M. There has been general agreement that future new members should also have the option to receive a one-time equity allocation when they join the SDR Department, as proposed by the staff.

Regarding the proposal made by Mr. Wijnholds to withhold allocations under the equity amendment for members in arrears to the General Resources Account, there was strong support for the concept proposed by Mr. Wijnholds, but I have also noted the concerns expressed by some Directors with respect to the weakening of the separation of the SDR Department and the General Department. The staff was requested to explore further the issue and to present appropriate proposals.

