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To: Members of the Executive Board  
From: The Secretary  
Subject: Colombia - Staff Report for the 1981 Article IV Consultation

The attached supplement to the staff report for the 1981 Article IV consultation with Colombia (SM/82/17, 1/26/82) has been prepared on the basis of additional information.

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COLOMBIA

Staff Report for the 1981 Article IV Consultation  
Supplementary Information

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Consultation with Colombia

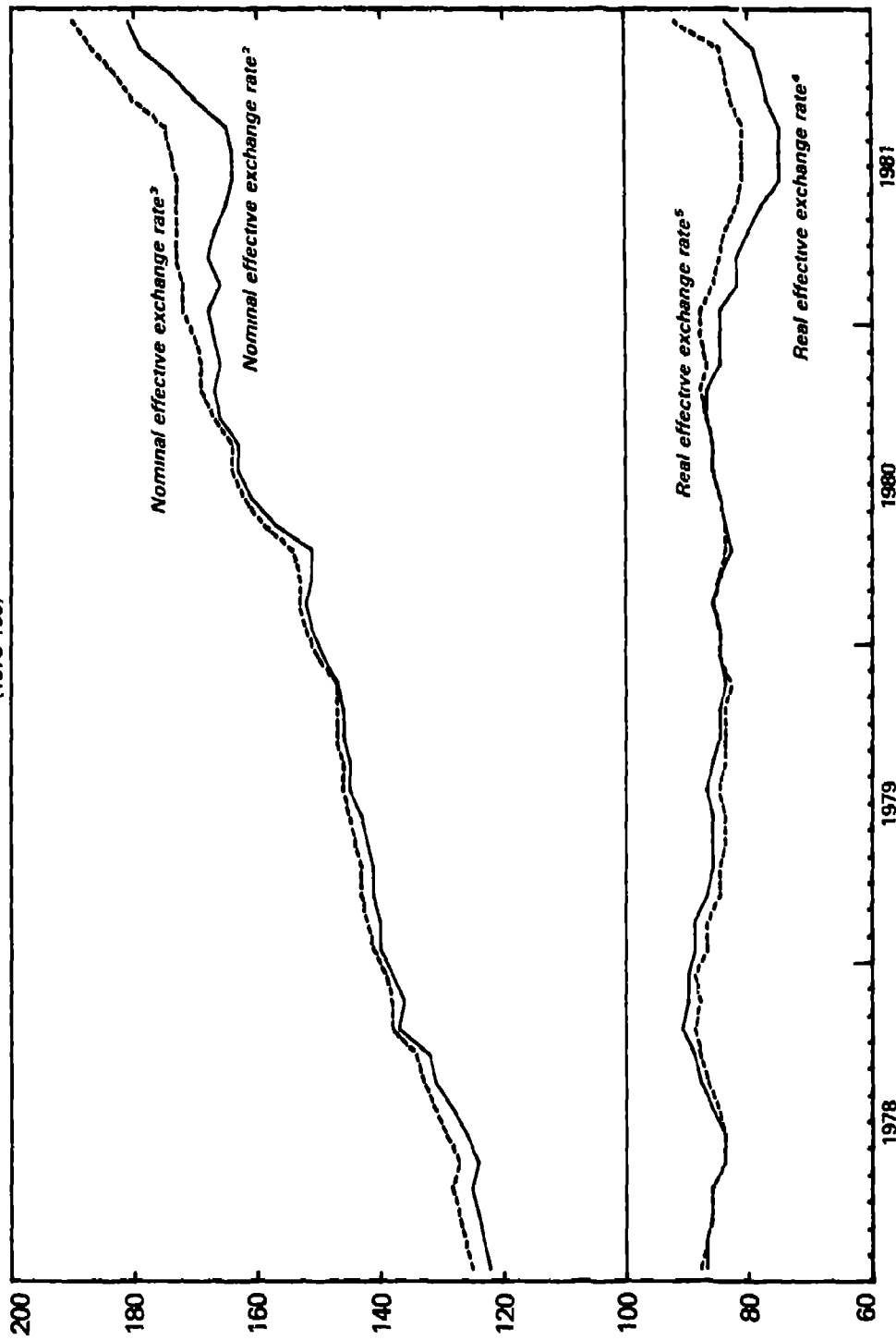
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SM/82/17 (Colombia - Staff Report for the 1981 Article IV consultation), on pages 6 and 13, and Chart 1, noted that the real effective value of the peso had appreciated by 16-1/2 per cent during the first eight months of 1981. The report also noted that, subsequently, the peso depreciated in real effective terms by an estimated 5-1/2 per cent between end-August and end-October. Using the same methodology (i.e., a calculation based on Colombia's total foreign trade and on a basket of its 18 most important partners in this trade, weighted by their respective trade shares), but on the basis of revised price data and more up-to-date information, the real effective value of the Colombian peso appears to have appreciated by some 14 per cent during the first eight months of 1981 and by only 2 per cent over the year as a whole (Chart 1).

The Banco de la Republica calculates real effective exchange rate changes on the basis of Colombia's nontraditional exports only, and on a basket of its 12 most important markets for these exports, weighted by their respective market shares. On this measurement, a real effective appreciation of the peso, equivalent to only one half of the one cited in the previous paragraph took place over the first eight months of 1981, and a real effective depreciation of 4-1/2 per cent over 1981 as a whole.

CHART 1  
COLOMBIA  
EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE INDICES<sup>1</sup>  
(1975=100)



Source: Banco de la República and Fund staff estimates.

<sup>1</sup>In Colombian pesos per unit of foreign exchange.

<sup>2</sup>Adjusted by exchange rate movements in Colombia's 18 major trading partners.

<sup>3</sup>Adjusted by exchange rate movements in Colombia's 12 major trading partners for its nontraditional exports.

<sup>4</sup>Adjusted by exchange rate and price movements in Colombia's 18 major trading partners.

<sup>5</sup>Adjusted by exchange rate and price movements in Colombia's 12 major trading partners for its nontraditional exports.