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## Minutes of Executive Board Meeting 82/132

11:00 a.m., October 6, 1982

J. de Larosière, Chairman  
W. B. Dale, Deputy Managing Director

### Executive Directors

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G. Lovato

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J. Sigurdsson  
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### Alternate Executive Directors

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A. Le Lorier  
C. Dallara  
T. Alhaimus  
T. Yamashita

M. Casey  
G. Jauregui, Temporary  
V. Supinit  
E. A. Ajayi, Temporary

A. Alfidja  
A. S. Jayawardena  
J. E. Suraisry  
T. de Vries  
B. Legarda  
L. Vidvei  
Tai Q.

J. W. Lang, Jr., Acting Secretary  
J. A. Kay, Assistant

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Also Present

Administration Department: R. Tenconi, Director. African Department: J. B. Zulu, Director; R. J. Bhatia, Deputy Director; O. B. Makalou, Deputy Director; A. Basu, E. L. Bornemann, E. A. Calamitsis, C. V. Callender, F. d'A. Collings, M. E. Edo, C. Enweze, J. W. Kratz, S. M. Nsouli, M. Sidibe, D. E. Syvrud, A. C. Woodward. Asian Department: H. Neiss, Deputy Director; P. R. Narvekar, Deputy Director; K. A. Al-Eyd, J. T. Boorman, P. Chabrier, M. R. P. Salgado, D. A. Scott, B. J. Smith, G. Szapary. Central Banking Department: P. N. Kaul, Director. European Department: L. A. Whittome, Counsellor and Director; B. Rose, Deputy Director; P. B. de Fontenay, H. O. Schmitt. Exchange and Trade Relations Department: C. D. Finch, Director; W. A. Beveridge, Deputy Director; S. Mookerjee, Deputy Director; D. K. Palmer, Deputy Director; E. H. Brau, H. W. Gerhard, M. Guitian, S. Kanesa-Thasan. External Relations Department: J. L. Carter, P. de Fontnouvelle, H. O. Hartmann. Fiscal Affairs Department: V. Tanzi, Director; G. Blöndal, L. Muten. IMF Institute: G. M. Teyssier, Director. Legal Department: G. P. Nicoletopoulos, Director; J. G. Evans, Jr., Deputy General Counsel; R. C. Effros, W. E. Holder, A. O. Liuksila, R. S. Porras, S. A. Silard. Middle Eastern Department: A. S. Shaalan, Director; F. Drees, S. H. Hitti, M. Yaquh. Research Department: W. C. Hood, Economic Counsellor and Director; C. F. Schwartz, Associate Director and Director of Adjustment Studies; R. R. Rhomberg, Deputy Director; J. S. Smith. Secretary's Department: A. Wright, Deputy Secretary; A. P. Bhagwat, M. G. de Vries, B. R. Hughes. Treasurer's Department: W. O. Habermeyer, Counsellor and Treasurer; R. J. Familton, Deputy Treasurer; D. Williams, Deputy Treasurer; A. M. Al-Samarrie, D. Berthet, M. N. Bhuiyan, A. G. Chandavarkar, D. S. Cutler, L. E. Escobar, D. Gupta, G. Wittich, B. B. Zavoico. Western Hemisphere Department: E. W. Robichek, Director; H. J. O. Struckmeyer, J. F. van Houten, F. van Beek, E. V. Zayas. Bureau of Language Services: P. Chabrier. Bureau of Statistics: W. Dannemann, Director; J. B. McLenaghan. Internal Auditor: P. A. Whipple. Personal Assistant to the Managing Director: N. Carter. Advisors to Executive Directors: S. R. Abiad, C. J. Batliwalla, S. E. Conrado, A. B. Diao, S. El-Khoury, F. Sarraf, F. A. Tourreilles, Wang E., F. Yeo T. Y. Assistants to Executive Directors: H. Alaoui-Abdallaoui, L. Barbone, L. E. J. Coene, T. A. Connors, R. J. J. Costa, M. K. Diallo, J. L. Feito, G. Gomel, M. J. Kooymans, W. Moerke, J. A. K. Munthali, V. K. S. Nair, Y. Okubo, G. W. K. Pickering, J. Reddy, D. I. S. Shaw, H. Suzuki, O. Uçer, A. Yasserli.

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - DEATH OF MR. KHARMAWAN

The Chairman made the following statement:

I have asked you to come together today to announce the extremely sad news of the passing of our colleague and friend, Mr. Byanti Kharmawan. As you know, he went into hospital at the time of the Annual Meetings in Toronto and had been undergoing medical treatment since then.

Mr. Kharmawan had a very diverse and distinguished career. He began in private business, moved to the academic world (spending a few years with the Netherlands Economic Institute), then transferred to the world of government, serving as an Economic Adviser in several departments and ministries. He later joined the Central Bank of Indonesia, where he rose to be Chief Economic Adviser before moving to the Asian Development Bank as Executive Director. He was thus well fitted by experience to his task when he came to the Fund in 1968 to join this Board.

He served as Executive Director of the Fund for 14 years. In all that time, despite his years, he was always most assiduous and conscientious in his preparation of the Board's work. He always knew the papers in detail.

It is true to say that Mr. Kharmawan placed his hallmark on the work of the Board, and his penetrating mind enabled him to put his finger on the key point in any issue and reveal the weakness in any argument.

Moreover, I am sure all who knew him here would agree that he justly acquired the stature of a "wise man," or, as we say in France, "un sage," of the Board. He brought to our work not only great experience, but also great human wisdom. He was also a man of great realism and pragmatism. These characteristics enabled him to guide the Board toward workable compromises. He understood realities; he was never dogmatic; and his interventions were always directed to a constructive end. In this way he was a model Executive Director, who strove always to work for the good of the Fund as a whole. He strove not simply to defend limited interests, but always to keep broader interests to the fore.

To all these strengths he also brought a wonderfully quiet, almost playful sense of humor and a self-effacing, modest manner, which endeared him to those who knew him.

I myself developed a very close personal relationship with Mr. Kharmawan and greatly valued our friendship.

I have the pleasantest memories too of the trip to Indonesia that he organized for me in 1979 and well remember the sense of profound culture and deep humanity he brought to his comments on that occasion.

Mr. Kharmawan rendered his country and his region a great and invaluable service through his work with the Fund. I am sure his life and career will serve as a model for those who follow him.

I know that you all share a deep sense of loss at his passing and would wish me to express to Mrs. Kharmawan our sense of sorrow and sympathy.

I ask you now to join me in a moment of silence in respect to our dear friend and colleague.

After a period of silence, Mr. Supinit spoke as follows:

It is with a deep sense of loss and sorrow that we wish to thank you and the Board for the praise and the condolences expressed to Mr. Kharmawan's family and to our constituency. Indeed, this is one of the greatest losses this constituency has suffered, particularly in this difficult time. Mr. Kharmawan's services to this constituency have been long and outstanding, and the constituency which he has served most diligently, effectively, and loyally will miss him in the years to come.

As you know, Mr. Kharmawan has been a distinguished personality in our region; his presence and contributions to the various deliberations in which our group of countries participates, have been most impressive. He has been instrumental in promoting close cooperation among Southeast Asian countries since the mid-1960s. In the period of his long service to these countries, he has gained the complete confidence and respect of all governments he has served in this Board. Personally, I have been most fortunate to have known him since early 1967, and to have served under him in this Board in the last term of his distinguished service.

On behalf of Mrs. Kharmawan, I wish to convey her deep gratitude to you, Mr. Chairman, the Deputy Managing Director, and the staff of the Fund, for the generous assistance and close attention extended to her in Toronto throughout this difficult period. Your kind words of encouragement sent directly to her were most comforting. She also wishes to express her gratitude for the numerous messages of good wishes, kindly conveyed to her by members of the Board and the staff of the Fund.

We wish also to express our deep gratitude to Mr. Erb and Mr. Joyce for the assistance their offices have kindly extended to Mrs. Kharmawan and our office.

Finally, on behalf of the countries in our constituency, and Mrs. Kharmawan, I wish again to thank you and the Board for the kind words of condolence.

The Chairman said that he would announce arrangements for a memorial service in due course.

#### DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

The following decisions were adopted by the Executive Board without meeting in the period between EBM/82/131 (10/1/82) and EBM/82/132 (10/6/82).

#### 2. HONDURAS - 1982 ARTICLE IV CONSULTATION - POSTPONEMENT

The Executive Board notes the request contained in EBD/82/184, Supplement 4 (9/28/82). Notwithstanding the period of three months specified in Procedure II of the document entitled "Surveillance over Exchange Rate Policies" attached to Decision No. 5392-(77/63), adopted April 29, 1977, the Executive Board agrees to postpone its consideration of the 1982 Article IV consultation with Honduras until not later than November 15, 1982. (EBD/82/184, Supplement 4, 9/28/82)

Decision No. 7220-(82/132), adopted  
October 1, 1982

#### 3. HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC - 1982 ARTICLE IV CONSULTATION - POSTPONEMENT

The Executive Board notes the request contained in EBD/82/184, Supplement 5 (9/29/82). Notwithstanding the period of three months specified in Procedure II of the document entitled "Surveillance over Exchange Rate Policies" attached to Decision No. 5392-(77/63), adopted April 29, 1977, the Executive Board agrees to postpone its consideration of the 1982 Article IV consultation with Hungary until not later than January 14, 1982. (EBD/82/184, Supplement 5, 9/29/82)

Decision No. 7221-(82/132), adopted  
October 4, 1982

4. PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE -  
1982 ARTICLE IV CONSULTATIONS - POSTPONEMENT

The Executive Board notes the request contained in EBD/82/234 (9/30/82). Notwithstanding the period of three months specified in Procedure II of the document entitled "Surveillance over Exchange Rate Policies" attached to Decision No. 5392-(77/63), adopted April 29, 1977, the Executive Board agrees to postpone its consideration of the 1982 Article IV consultations with the People's Republic of the Congo and with São Tomé and Príncipe until not later than October 29, 1982. (EBD/82/234, 9/30/82)

Decision No. 7222-(82/132), adopted  
October 4, 1982

5. OFFICE SPACE - LEASE AT 1825 I STREET, N.W.

The Executive Board approves the proposal set forth in EBAP/82/348 (9/30/82).

Adopted October 5, 1982

6. AUDIT COMMITTEE, FY 1983

The Executive Board approves the proposal set forth in EBAP/82/275, Supplement 2 (9/29/82).

Adopted October 4, 1982

7. ASSISTANT TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Board approves the proposal set forth in EBAP/82/343 (9/29/82).

Adopted October 4, 1982

8. EXECUTIVE BOARD TRAVEL

Travel by Executive Directors as set forth in EBAP/82/347 (9/30/82), EBAP/82/349 (10/1/82), and EBAP/82/350 (10/4/82), and by Advisors to Executive Directors as set forth in EBAP/82/345 (9/30/82) and EBAP/82/346 (9/30/82), is approved.

APPROVED: March 21, 1983

JOSEPH W. LANG, JR.  
Acting Secretary

