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Minutes of Executive Board Meeting 04/91-1

10:00 a.m., September 27, 2004

1. Briefing on Security Arrangements for the Annual Meetings

Staff: Davies, WB; Schroeder, TGS

Length: 16 minutes

Executive Board Attendance

A. Carstens, Acting Chair

Executive Directors	Alternate Executive Directors
	A. Alazzaz (SA)
	C. O'Loughlin (CO)
	G. Meissner (GR)
M. Callaghan (AU)	O. Cuny (FF)
S. Indrawati (ST)	T. Ross (NO), Temporary
	A. Baukol (UA), Temporary
	J. Prader (BE)
	H. Torres (AG)
	S. Rouai (MD), Temporary
	S. Vtyurina (RU), Temporary
	L. Rutayisire (AF)
	R. Calderón-Colín (CE), Temporary
P. Padoan (IT)	
M. Portugal (BR)	R. Steiner (BR)
	A. Herat (IN)
	R. Gregory (UK), Temporary
A.S. Shaalan (MI)	K. Sakr (MI)
I. Usman (AE)	P. Ngumbullu (AE)
	J. Xu (CC), Temporary
	M. Roovers (NE), Temporary
S. Kashiwagi (JA)	A. Raczko (SZ)

A.S. Linde, Acting Secretary

T. Orav, Assistant

Also Present

IBRD: P. Davies, Senior Conferences Officer. External Relations Department: T. Dawson, Director. Human Resources Department: K. Craig. International Capital Markets Department: A. Jensen. Office of the Managing Director: A. Kammer. Policy Development and Review Department: M. Fetherston. Secretary's Department: A. Blazejewski. Technology and General Services Department: B. Stuart, Director; M. Gehringer, N. Schroeder. Senior Advisors to Executive Directors: R. Campbell (CO), A. Ismael (AF), P. Jenkins (CO), J. Milton (AE), P. Moreno (CE), K. Sakr (MI), A. Tombini (BR). Advisors to Executive Directors: A. Al Nassar (SA), E. Eurlings (NE), G. Francis (AU), M. Ibrahim (ST), M. Jamaluddin (ST), T. Kudiwu (AF), S. Naka (JA), K. Nauphal (MI), M. Sidi Bouna (AF), V. Srinivas (IN), N. Yamasaki (JA).

1. BRIEFING ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

The staff representative from the Technology and General Services Department (Mr. Schroeder) made the following statement:

I would like to say a few words about the threat update which, as I noted in my presentation of August 31, 2004, remains focused on possible concerns about terrorism, rather than the past emphasis on demonstrations. There is no new information related to the orange alert status designated by the Department of Homeland Security. The authorities continue to look at the meetings as the last significant event before the United States presidential election, and a possible target of opportunity for Al-Qaeda.

We expect several small demonstrations, but in the several-hundred-person range and these demonstrations are expected to be peaceful. Demonstration permits have been issued for three local parks, including Murrow Park near 18th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. There is an anti-war march scheduled for Saturday, October 2, for which a permit has been issued. This march will set off from Arlington Cemetery and conclude at the Ellipse in front of the White House. The march is not expected to come near the meeting sites.

In terms of security planning for the meetings, foreign mission status has been granted for the Bank and Fund buildings, and is pending for DAR Constitution Hall for the plenary session, which we expect will be confirmed shortly. There will be security perimeters set up, including an inner perimeter from late in the evening on Thursday, September 30, which will be in operation at the start of business on Friday in the vicinity of the main Bank and Fund buildings, and an expanded outer perimeter. The outer perimeter will include the site of the plenary session, DAR Constitution Hall, on that meeting date.

Access through the security perimeters and into the buildings will require an Annual Meetings badge and a Bank or Fund identification pass. No other identification will be issued or accepted between Friday and Sunday. Briefcases, purses, and other hand-carried items will be X-rayed at the buildings. Those attending the meetings will pass through archway metal detectors for additional screening.

An update on transportation arrangements, specifically the buses from the official hotels and their security police escorts, has been sent by the Joint Secretariat. The security at the official hotels will include an enhanced police presence for the meetings, which will be augmented by hotel security. In addition to the strengthened police and security services on site, there will also

be emergency services, fire/medical, and the District of Columbia Emergency Management Agency. Once again, any security personnel accompanying dignitaries will require proper identification pins and passes issued by the Secret Service or the Metropolitan Police Department.

The staff representative from the Bank/Fund Conferences Office (Ms. Davies) made the following statement:

The information presented at this briefing has already been sent to Directors, or has been posted on either the Fund's internet or the Annual Meetings internal web site. We urge Directors to view those web sites for updates, but we thought it would be useful to pick out a few particularly relevant pieces of information for emphasis.

I would like to remind Directors that only staff essential for purposes relating to the Annual Meetings should report for work on Friday, October 1, and during the weekend of October 2 and 3. In addition, due to the enhanced security controls for the Annual Meetings, access to the Fund and Bank buildings will be very difficult and inconvenient during this period. Directors should strongly advise their member country delegation members to allow additional time for travel and screening procedures. In addition, we request Directors to urge delegation members to use the shuttle buses from the hotels.

In connection with the screening procedures, it might also be useful to advise that delegation members not bring too many packages through the perimeter, as that will slow down the security screening.

With respect to street closures by the Metropolitan Police Department, several parking garages will be closed on Friday, October 1, and an even larger number will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3. There has been a change to the information we previously provided, and updated information was sent this morning. On Friday, October 1, the Fund Headquarters and Bank Main Complex H and J Building garages will be closed for the whole day and no access will be permitted. Bank and Fund Executive Directors and the staff who normally park in the Fund's Headquarters garage will have to park in the International Square garage on Friday. Access to the International Square garage will be granted on production of a Fund identification badge and a regular Fund parking sticker.

After the evening rush hour on Friday, October 1, the police will establish a wider perimeter, and all garages within this extended perimeter must be cleared of all vehicles. Therefore, all vehicles must be removed from all the Fund and Bank garages, including the International Square garage, by 7 p.m. on Friday.

On Saturday and Sunday we will be providing parking in several garages outside the perimeter in the K Street area for all Executive Directors and the staff who wish to drive. Permits must be requested for these parking spaces, and requests should be sent as soon as possible to AnnualMeetingsparking@WorldBank.org. We strongly advise the staff not to drive and to use either the Metro or buses departing from the 14 official hotels. Executive Directors and their staff are welcome to use the buses from the hotels.

Annual Meetings registration opens today in the Bank's main complex. The registration desks are to the left of the 19th Street entrance, opposite the Fund Headquarters' main entrance. On Wednesday, September 29, registration will also open at the Melrose Hotel and will remain open through the conclusion of the meetings on Sunday.

As in the past, we have put into effect a number of security communications procedures in the event that important or urgent messages need to be relayed to the staff and participants. We will be distributing at registration a guide on safety and security at the meetings to all participants. The guide contains information on what to do in the event of an emergency, and has a small card with the relevant telephone numbers. We will also be distributing a campus plan, with information on the buildings being used, and the usual participants' handbook, which also contains plans and other information.

Returning to the issue of security communications, as in the past, we will be issuing cell phones to a designated contact in each Executive Director's office. This individual will be responsible for relaying any urgent messages to the members of each delegation. We strongly encourage Directors to set up a calling tree for relaying these messages to their delegations. We will also be putting television monitors in strategic locations so that information of an urgent nature can be relayed. In addition, the normal pop-up message capability of desktop computers can also be used.

Mr. Prader noted that the closing of the International Square parking garage at 7 p.m. on Friday coincided with events related to the meetings, and asked whether parking permits should be requested for the staff at K Street garages.

The staff representative from the Bank/Fund Conferences Office (Ms. Davies) stated that the staff would be meeting on September 28 with the law enforcement authorities on this issue and would inform Directors whether an additional parking location could be provided to those staying late on Friday, or if their vehicles could remain past 7 p.m.

Mr. Padoan asked the staff where buses to DAR Constitution Hall would be departing from on Sunday morning.

Ms. Davies replied that, from 7:30 a.m., there would be buses departing from hotels to the Fund, from hotels to DAR Constitution Hall, and from the Fund to DAR Constitution Hall.

Mr. Herat asked the staff whether there would be any restrictions on private persons visiting delegates at the hotels.

Ms. Davies replied that no restrictions would be placed on hotel guests, as the hotels were not only designated for Annual Meetings participants, but also other private guests.

Mr. O’Loughlin asked the staff whether the proposed hotel strike could have security implications.

Ms. Davies replied that there would be no security implications from a hotel strike, as only four hotels would be affected, and management at those hotels had assured the staff that there would be no impact on Annual Meetings participants in the event of a strike.

Ms. Indrawati asked the staff whether private cars would be allowed to stop in front of the Fund Headquarters on Friday morning.

The staff representative from the Technology and General Services Department (Mr. Schroeder) stated that vehicle restrictions were expected to be in place by Friday morning, and the police would be preventing vehicles from accessing the main buildings.

Ms. Davies added that bus services would run from 6 a.m. on Friday, 5 a.m. on Saturday, and 6 a.m. on Sunday from all 14 hotels.

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Secretary