

**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

EBD/05/17
Supplement 1

March 31, 2005

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: **Proposed Procedures for Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations
to the Annual and Spring Meetings**

Attached for consideration by the Executive Directors is a note on the procedures for civil society accreditation to the Annual and Spring Meetings. Following the Executive Board's lapse of time approval (EBD/05/17, 3/7/05) of the proposed procedures, which were circulated simultaneously to the Boards of the Fund and the Bank, the Bank Board discussed the issue on March 29, 2005, at the request of a Bank Executive Director. The Bank's Executive Board approved the attached modification to the procedure. If Executive Directors are in agreement that the amended proposal should be adopted, the staffs of the two institutions would implement the new procedures for the 2005 Spring and Annual Meetings.

It is not proposed to bring this matter to the agenda of the Executive Board for discussion unless an Executive Director so requests **by the close of business on Tuesday, April 5, 2005**. In the absence of such a request, the amended proposal will be deemed approved by the Executive Board and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

Questions may be referred in the Fund to Mr. M. Bell (ext. 38670) or Ms. Nardin (ext. 34899) and in the Bank to Ms. Reynolds (473-0049).

It is not intended to publish this paper on the Fund's external website.

This document will shortly be posted on the extranet, a secure website for Executive Directors and member country authorities.

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**Proposed Procedures for Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations
to the Annual and Spring Meetings—Revised**

1. On March 7, a note on Proposed Procedures for Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations to the Annual and Spring Meetings was circulated simultaneously to the Executive Directors in the Bank and the Fund (EBD/05/17). The Fund Board approved the proposed procedure on a lapse-of-time basis.

At the request of a Bank Executive Director, the Bank Board discussed the issue on March 29 and came to the following conclusion, communicated to the Secretary by the Corporate Secretary of the Bank:

The Executive Directors supported the proposal, as amended and summarized by the Chairman. Under the revised proposal, EXT will provide Directors with the names they are proposing for accreditation, as well as the names of the CSOs which they are proposing to be denied accreditation, on an absence of objection basis within a defined time period. The period for absence of objection will be 5 working days for the 2005 Spring Meetings, and 8 working days for the 2005 Annual Meetings and thereafter. EXT will also indicate to Directors the basis for their recommendations, and Directors will indicate to EXT the reason for any objections raised by them.

The Directors also agreed that the process should be reviewed after the 2005 Annual Meetings, to determine whether it is working satisfactorily or if further changes are warranted.

2. If Executive Directors are in agreement that the amended proposal should also be adopted in the Fund, staff in EXR and EXT would implement the new procedures for the 2005 Spring and Annual Meetings, in close cooperation and consultation with the Bank and Fund Secretaries Departments. The process will be reviewed after the 2005 Annual Meetings.