

**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

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December 23, 1981

To: Members of the Executive Board
From: The Acting Secretary
Subject: Cyprus - Extension of Approval of Exchange Restriction

It is not proposed to bring the attached memorandum to the agenda of the Executive Board for discussion unless an Executive Director so requests by noon on Wednesday, December 30, 1981. In the absence of such a request, the draft decision will be deemed approved by the Executive Board and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

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Extension of Approval of Exchange Restriction

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(In consultation with the Legal Department)

Approved by L.A. Whittome and C. David Finch

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In Decision No. 6921-(81/109), adopted July 30, 1981, the Executive Board extended approval, until December 31, 1981 or the completion of the 1981 Article IV consultation, whichever was the earlier, of the restriction by Cyprus on the amount of foreign exchange available for tourist travel, as described in SM/80/155 (7/1/80) and SM/80/166 (7/10/80).

The staff report on the 1981 Article IV consultation with Cyprus, which includes discussion of the retention of this restriction, is scheduled to be considered by the Executive Board in early 1982. In the circumstances, the staff proposes that the existing Board approval of the restriction on the provision of foreign exchange for tourist travel be extended until the completion of the 1981 Article IV consultation with Cyprus.

The following draft decision is therefore proposed for adoption by the Executive Board:

The Fund's approval of Cyprus' restriction on payments and transfers under Decision No. 6921-(81/109) is extended until the completion of the 1981 Article IV consultation with Cyprus.