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To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: Qatar - Postponement of Discussion of
1981 Article IV Consultation

The three-month period for the completion of the 1981 Article IV consultation with Qatar, specified in Decision 5392-(77/63), ends today. Circulation of the Staff Report for the Consultation (SM/82/32, 2/9/82) was delayed pending confirmation of certain information by the authorities in Qatar. Consequently it has not been possible to conclude the consultation under Article IV within the three-month period. It is now proposed, in consultation with Mr. Finaish, to bring the staff report to Executive Board agenda on March 26, 1982.

In view of the above, the following draft decision is proposed for adoption by the Executive Board:

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 1981 Article IV consultation with Qatar until not later than March 26, 1982.

Mr. Finaish concurs in this proposal. Unless an Executive Director requests by the close of business on Thursday, February 11, 1982, that this matter be brought to the agenda for discussion, the proposed decision will be deemed approved and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

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