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May 6, 1982

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Acting Secretary

Subject: Netherlands - Discount Rate

Mr. Polak has asked that the following message, which he received on May 5, 1982, be circulated for the information of the Executive Directors:

In view of the interest rate developments at home and abroad the Netherlands Bank has decided to lower, by one half percent, its interest rate on advances and its discount rate on promissory notes. The discount rate on bills of exchange remains unchanged; at lower interest rate levels, this rate does not normally exceed the rate on advances by more than one half percent, this difference being due to technical reasons.

As from Thursday, May 6, 1982 the following rates will apply:

Discount on bills of exchange	8 percent
Interest on advances	8 1/2 percent
Discount on promissory notes	9 percent

Other Distribution:
Department Heads