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To: Members of the Executive Board
From: The Secretary
Subject: Norway - Change in Exchange Rate

Attached for the information of Executive Directors is a notification received by the Managing Director concerning a change in the exchange rate for the Norwegian Krone.

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To: The Managing Director
From: Jón Sigurdsson
Subject: Norway - Change in Exchange Rate

My Norwegian authorities have asked me to transmit to you the following message:

Effective today the Norwegian Krone has been devalued by 3 per cent in terms of the basket of currencies on which its exchange rate is based. At the same time a new index figure of 100 has been introduced to represent the new rate of exchange, corresponding to 103.1 on the index of exchange rates as previously defined, i.e. a weighted average of middle rates on the Oslo stock exchange in August 1978. The weights assigned to each currency entering the Norwegian exchange rate basket remain the same as those in force since August 2, 1982. Norges Bank will purchase and sell foreign exchange in the market in order to keep the exchange rate index within the previously practiced margins around the new index figure of 100.

This change in the exchange rate, as well as the earlier adjustment in the composition of the basket, is part of a comprehensive economic policy programme, which will be presented to the Storting on October 6, 1982.