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ATTENTION**

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October 28, 1982

To: Members of the Executive Board
From: The Secretary
Subject: Saudi Arabia - Request for Technical Assistance

For the past several years the staff has been preparing an annual prebudget study for Saudi Arabia based on an econometric model developed in the Fund. The last request for such technical assistance was approved by the Executive Board on November 3, 1981 (EBD/81/280 and Correction 1). A request has been received from the Saudi Arabian Minister of Finance and Economy to prepare a similar prebudget study on fiscal policy options in Saudi Arabia in the fiscal year 1983/84. Technical assistance was also provided in 1981 to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency in computer-related activities (EBD/81/124, 4/28/81); the authorities have requested assistance on a follow-up exercise. It is proposed to comply with both of these requests by sending a staff mission to Saudi Arabia during the period November 6-17, 1982 consisting of Messrs. S. Hitti, Senior Advisor (Middle Eastern Department), M. Khan, Advisor (Research Department), N. Arya, Assistant Chief (Administration Department), Z. Iqbal, Assistant Chief (Middle Eastern Department), D. Noursi, Assistant Chief (Middle Eastern Department), E. Saunders, Economist (Bureau of Statistics), and a secretary.

In the absence of a request for discussion by an Executive Director by noon on Tuesday, November 2, 1982, the proposal will be deemed to have been approved by the Executive Board and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

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