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To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: United Kingdom - Establishment of New Monetary Units for  
Certain Nonmetropolitan Territories - Par Values

By a memorandum from the Executive Director for the United Kingdom, dated November 4, 1965 and subsequently furnished information, the United Kingdom has informed the Fund of the establishment of new monetary units for certain nonmetropolitan territories in respect of which the United Kingdom has accepted the Articles of Agreement of the Fund. A copy of the communication from the Executive Director for the United Kingdom is attached for the attention of the Executive Directors, together with a recommendation with respect to the new monetary units. It is not proposed to place this matter on the agenda for discussion unless an Executive Director so requests. In the absence of such request by the close of business on Thursday, December 23, 1965, the recommendation will be deemed approved by the Executive Board and will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

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## INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

United Kingdom--New Monetary Units for Antigua, Barbados, British Guiana, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, the Federation of South Arabia, and Bahrain--Par Values

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Prepared by the European, Legal and Treasurer's Departments

December 17, 1965

By a memorandum dated November 4, 1965 (copy attached) the Executive Director for the United Kingdom communicated with the Fund regarding new monetary units for certain nonmetropolitan territories in respect of which the United Kingdom has accepted the Articles of Agreement. Subsequently, additional information was received in respect of certain other non-metropolitan territories. The territories, their monetary units and par values are listed below. The introduction of the new monetary units has no effect on the price structure for any transactions.

Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent 1/

On October 6, 1965 the Governments of the above-mentioned territories introduced a new monetary unit, the East Caribbean dollar, consisting of 100 cents, to replace the West Indian dollar. The rate of exchange between the West Indian dollar and the East Caribbean dollar was established at EC\$1 = WI\$1. 2/

British Guiana

The Government of British Guiana introduced on November 15, 1965, a new monetary unit to replace the West Indian dollar. The official name of the new unit is the Guyana dollar which consists of 100 cents. The rate of exchange established was G\$1 = WI\$1. 2/

The Federation of South Arabia 3/

On April 1, 1965 the South Arabian dinar replaced the East African shilling. The South Arabian dinar consists of 1,000 fils. The rate of exchange established was 1 South Arabian Dinar = 20 East African Shillings. 4/

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1/ At the present time, these territories are listed in the Schedule of Par Values as Barbados, Leeward Islands and Windward Islands.

2/ Equal to 4s. 2d sterling.

3/ This Federation comprises Aden (presently listed in the Schedule of Par Values) and certain protectorates (not listed at present).

4/ Equal to £1 sterling.

Bahrain 5/

On October 16, 1965 the Bahrain dinar replaced Indian rupee notes and Indian rupee coin. The Bahrain dinar consists of 1,000 fils. The rate of exchange established was 1 Bahrain Dinar = 10 Rupees. 6/

The following decision is recommended for adoption by the Executive Board:

1. The United Kingdom has proposed the following par values in connection with the introduction of new monetary units for the following non-metropolitan territories in respect of which it has accepted the Articles of Agreement of the Fund:

East Caribbean dollar

|                        |   |           |                                     |
|------------------------|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Antigua, Barbados,     | ) | 0.518 391 | gram of fine gold per currency unit |
| Dominica, Montserrat,  | ) | 60.000 0  | currency units per troy ounce of    |
| St. Christopher-Nevis- | ) |           | fine gold                           |
| Anguilla, St. Lucia,   | ) | 1.714 29  | currency units per U.S. dollar      |
| and St. Vincent        | ) | 58.333 3  | U.S. cents per currency unit        |

Guyana dollar

|                |   |           |                                     |
|----------------|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| British Guiana | ) | 0.518 391 | gram of fine gold per currency unit |
|                | ) | 60.000 0  | currency units per troy ounce of    |
|                | ) |           | fine gold                           |
|                | ) | 1.714 29  | currency units per U.S. dollar      |
|                | ) | 58.333 3  | U.S. cents per currency unit        |

South Arabian dinar

|                   |   |           |                                      |
|-------------------|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| The Federation of | ) | 2.488 28  | grams of fine gold per currency unit |
| South Arabia      | ) | 12.500 0  | currency units per troy ounce of     |
|                   | ) |           | fine gold                            |
|                   | ) | 0.357 143 | currency unit per U.S. dollar        |
|                   | ) | 280.000   | U.S. cents per currency unit         |

Bahrain dinar

|         |   |           |                                      |
|---------|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Bahrain | ) | 1.866 21  | grams of fine gold per currency unit |
|         | ) | 16.666 7  | currency units per troy ounce of     |
|         | ) |           | fine gold                            |
|         | ) | 0.476 190 | currency unit per U.S. dollar        |
|         | ) | 210.000   | U.S. cents per currency unit         |

2. The Fund concurs in this proposal.

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5/ This territory is presently not listed in the Schedule of Par Values.

6/ Equal to 15s. sterling.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To : The Secretary

4th November, 1965

From : J.M. Stevens

Subject : Par values of certain territories in respect of which the  
United Kingdom has accepted the Fund Agreement

At the request of the East Caribbean Currency Authority I have to advise you that the Governments of Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent, pursuant to the East Caribbean Currency Agreement, 1965, have introduced a new monetary unit to replace the West Indian dollar. The official name of the new unit is the East Caribbean dollar, which consists of 100 cents. The effective date of introduction was 6th October 1965, and the rate of exchange was E.C.\$1 = W.I.\$1.

The par value of the East Caribbean dollar has been established at 4s.2d. sterling (0.518391 grams of fine gold).

I have to advise you also that new currency units have been introduced in two other territories for which the United Kingdom has accepted the Articles of Agreement.

The Government of the Federation of South Arabia, through the medium of the South Arabian Currency Authority, and pursuant to the Federal Currency Law, 1964, have introduced a new monetary unit to replace the East African shilling. The official name of the new unit is the South Arabian dinar which consists of 1,000 fils. The effective date of introduction was 1st April 1965, and the rate of exchange was 1 Dinar = 20 East African Shillings.

The par value of the South Arabian dinar has been established at £1 sterling (2.48828 grams of fine gold).

The Government of Bahrain, through the medium of the Bahrain Currency Board, and pursuant to the Bahrain Currency Regulations, 1964, have introduced a new monetary unit to replace Indian external rupee notes and Indian rupee coin. The official name of the new unit is the Bahrain dinar, which consists of 1,000 fils. The effective date of introduction was 16th October 1965, and the rate of exchange was 1 Dinar = 10 Rupees.

The par value of the Bahrain dinar has been established at 1.86621 grams of fine gold (15s. sterling).