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To: Members of the Committee on Administrative Policies
From: The Acting Chairman
Subject: Resident Representative - Criteria for Determining the
Number of Posts that Would be Appropriate

During the Committee's discussions at meetings 76/5 (4/22/76) and 76/6 (4/27/76) on the ceiling to be established for Fund resident representatives and advisors, the Committee agreed to study criteria which might be adopted to assist Executive Directors and the management in arriving at judgments as to the number of resident representative posts that would be appropriate in subsequent years.

Attached for the Committee's consideration is a draft of criteria which might be utilized in considering whether individual posts should be opened or maintained. It could be considered by the Committee at an appropriate time after the Annual Meeting before the question of a specific ceiling needs to be considered again.

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When the authorities of a member country desire to undertake or maintain the close relationship with the Fund that the stationing of a Fund Resident Representative involves in order to assist them in developing and implementing policies to meet the problems they face, priority should be given to meeting their request when one or more of the following conditions exists:

1. The country is facing serious financial difficulties resulting from exogenous factors such as natural disasters or depressed demand for its main exports or internal factors of a structural or other relevant nature;
2. The technical expertise available internally to assist the authorities, especially those in newly independent countries, is limited;
3. The Fund's actual or prospective use of Fund resources is high; or
4. In unusual circumstances such as where the support and expertise of the Fund would be important to the successful operation of a debt rescheduling operation or an international aid consortium.