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To: Members of the Committee on the Rules for the 2008  
Regular Election of Executive Directors (Mr. Mozhin, Chairman;  
Mr. Henriksson, Mr. Kishore, Ms. Lundsager, Mr. Mojarrad,  
Mr. Nogueira Batista, Mr. Rutayisire, Mr. Silva-Ruete)

From: Kenneth Meyers, Committee Secretary

Subject: **Note on the 2008 Regular Election of Executive Directors**

Attached for the **information** of the committee members is a note by the staff outlining the main procedures for the 2008 regular election of Executive Directors. A staff paper proposing the rules for the election will be circulated shortly, for discussion by the committee **on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**

Questions may be referred to Mr. Sevy, SEC (ext. 34947).

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## The 2008 Regular Election of Executive Directors

*This note is a brief reminder that the next regular election of Executive Directors will take place in the period July–October 2008. As you may recall, the basic process is that, in the period leading up to the Annual Meetings, nominations are solicited from Governors and ballots are cast by Governors for the candidates. The results of the election are announced at the Annual Meetings, and the elected Executive Directors assume office on November 1.*

1. In each of the regular elections of Executive Directors since 2002, the **balloting by Governors for candidates has been conducted electronically, ahead of the Annual Meetings**. This practice, which was instituted in response to concerns that security conditions could impede the balloting, has proved to be both effective and efficient. In light of this, **it is suggested that it be employed again for the forthcoming election**. The World Bank also plans to conduct its election in that manner, as it did in the past three elections.
2. It may be helpful to mention the following **main organizational steps** in preparation for the 2008 election:
  - a) The Executive Board approved an **ad hoc committee on the rules for the election**, composed of eight Executive Directors, and chaired by Mr. Mozhin, on April 16, 2008.
  - b) The **committee will meet in July** to consider a staff paper containing the proposed rules for the election, together with a Resolution and brief Report for the Board of Governors, which must vote to approve the rules. The rules stipulate when and how the election will be conducted and the number of Executive Directors to be elected. The vote by the Board of Governors on the Resolution will take place electronically over a period of several weeks in July and August.
  - c) If the Board of Governors approves the Resolution, **individual Governors will be invited by the Secretary to submit nominations electronically** over a period of about two weeks in August and September. The Secretary will compile and disseminate the list of nominees at the end of the nomination period.
  - d) In the several weeks leading up to the Annual Meetings, **individual Governors will be invited by the Secretary to vote electronically** for one of the persons on the list of candidates.
  - e) The **results** will be announced at the Annual Meetings.
3. **The election process depends importantly on the active cooperation of Executive Directors**. Under the planned approach, it will be important to remind Governors that they

will need to submit both a nomination in August and an electronic ballot soon thereafter.<sup>1</sup> *Governors should be aware that the casting of a ballot for an Executive Director is the only means by which a member country becomes part of the constituency of that Executive Director.* If a Governor does not cast a vote for an Executive Director, his/her country will not be part of any Executive Director's constituency until the time of the next regular election, in 2010.

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<sup>1</sup> It is useful to recall that not all Governors need to submit a nomination. A single nomination, by one Governor in a constituency, is all that is needed to put a name on the list of candidates. Accordingly, if a group of countries wishes to support a single candidate, just one nomination from a Governor in that group would be sufficient. Of course, as explained in paragraph 3, each Governor for each member of the group would have to submit a ballot voting for that nominee in order to be a part of the Executive Director's constituency.