

**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

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October 14, 2009

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Acting Secretary

Subject: **Extension of Period for Consent to Increases in Quotas Under the Reform of Quota and Voice in the International Monetary Fund**

Attached for consideration by the Executive Directors is a paper on a proposed extension of the period for consent to increases in quotas under the reform of quota and voice in the International Monetary Fund. It is not proposed to bring this matter to the agenda of the Executive Board for discussion unless an Executive Director so requests by **noon on Wednesday, October 21, 2009**. In the absence of such a request, the draft decision that appears on page 2 will be deemed approved by the Executive Board and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

It is not intended to publish this paper on the Fund's external website.

Questions may be referred to Mr. Williams, FIN (ext. 38006).

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INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Extension of Period for Consent to Increases in Quotas Under the Reform of Quota and Voice in the International Monetary Fund

Prepared by the Finance Department

(In consultation with the Legal and Secretary's Departments)

Approved by Andrew Tweedie

October 13, 2009

1. This paper proposes a six-month extension of the period for consent to quota increases under the Board of Governors' Resolution No. 63-2.¹ The current period is due to expire on October 31, 2009. Resolution 63-2 provides that the Executive Board may extend the period for consent as it may determine, taking into account, in particular, the need of members to obtain domestic legislative approval.²

2. As of October 13, thirty-one of the 54 eligible members (Austria, Botswana, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eritrea, Germany, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Norway, Oman, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Thailand, United States, and Vietnam) have consented to their proposed ad hoc quota increases under Resolution 63-2 (Appendix). The ad hoc quota increases pursuant to Resolution 63-2 will not become effective before the entry into force of the proposed Amendment to Enhance Voice and Participation in the International Monetary Fund, and many members eligible for ad hoc quota increases are still in the process of seeking domestic legislative approval for both the ad hoc quota increases and the proposed Amendment to Enhance Voice and Participation in the International Monetary Fund.³ To provide members more time to obtain the necessary

¹The resolution is set forth in the *Compendium of Board of Governors Resolutions*, which can be found at: <http://www-int.imf.org/depts/sec/services/ir/bogfull.htm>.

² The initial deadline of October 31, 2008 in Resolution 63-2 was extended to April 30, 2009 by Decision No. 14183, October 27, 2008, and subsequently extended to October 31, 2009 by Decision No. 14316, April 22, 2009.

³ To enter into force, the proposed amendment must be accepted by three-fifths of the members, having eighty-five percent of the total voting power (see Attachment II to Resolution No. 63-2). As of October 13, forty members, Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Eritrea, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, FYR Macedonia, Malaysia, Mexico, Montenegro, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam, and the Republic
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domestic legislative approvals, it would appear appropriate to extend the period for consent to quota increases under the Board of Governors' Resolution No. 63-2.

3. In the circumstances, it is proposed to extend the period for consent to end at 6:00 p.m., Washington time, on April 30, 2010.

4. Accordingly, the following decision, which may be adopted by a majority of the votes cast, is proposed for adoption by the Executive Board:

PROPOSED DECISION

Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of the Resolution of the Board of Governors No. 63-2, "Reform of Quota and Voice in the International Monetary Fund," the Executive Board decides that notices of consent from members to increases in their quotas must be received in the Fund by 6:00 p.m., Washington time, on April 30, 2010.

of Yemen, accounting for 64.0 percent of the total voting power and 21.6 percent of the membership, have accepted the amendment. The members that have consented and accepted the proposed amendments under Resolutions 63-2 and 63-3 are listed on the intranet (<http://www-intranet.imf.org/departments/SEC/imfmem/Pages/ArticlesandAmendments.aspx>).

**Status of Members' Consents to
Increases in Quotas Under the Quota and Voice Reform
in the International Monetary Fund**

(As of October 13, 2009)

The 54 members eligible for increases in their respective quotas under the Board of Governors' Resolution No. 63-2 on "Reform of Quota and Voice in the International Monetary Fund" are listed below. As of October 13, 2009, thirty-one of the 54 eligible members have consented to their increases (members that have consented are in bold).

Albania	Malaysia
Austria	Maldives
Bahrain	Mexico
Bhutan	Norway
Botswana	Oman
Brazil	Palau, Republic of
Cape Verde	Philippines
Chad	Poland
China	Portugal
Costa Rica	Qatar
Cyprus	San Marino
Czech Republic	Seychelles
Denmark	Singapore
Ecuador	Slovak Republic
Equatorial Guinea	Slovenia
Eritrea	Spain
Estonia	Syrian Arab Republic
Germany	Thailand
Greece	Timor-Leste
India	Turkey
Ireland	Turkmenistan
Israel	United Arab Emirates
Italy	United States
Japan	Vietnam
Kazakhstan	
Korea	
Latvia	
Lebanon	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	