

**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

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April 20, 2010

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The 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 Tuesday, April 27, 2010**. 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. Kohler, FIN (ext. 34106).

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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

April 19, 2010

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 April 30, 2010. 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 April 16, thirty-five of the 54 eligible members 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, for which many members are still in the process of seeking domestic legislative approval.³ To provide members more time to obtain the necessary domestic legislative

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, with a further extension to April 30, 2010 by Decision No. 14442, October 26, 2009.

³ To enter into force, the proposed amendment must be accepted by three-fifths of the members (i.e., 112 members), having eighty-five percent of the total voting power (see Attachment II to Resolution No. 63-2). As of April 16, seventy members -- Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, The Bahamas, Belgium, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chad, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Eritrea, Finland, France, The Gambia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Lao P.D.R., Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, FYR Macedonia, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam, and the Republic of Yemen -- accounting for 72.9 percent of the total voting power, 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>).

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 October 31, 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 October 31, 2010.

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

(As of April 16, 2010)

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 April 16, 2010, thirty-five 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	