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To: Members of the Committee on Liaison with the World Bank and Other International Organization (Mr. Bakker—Chair; Mr. Alazzaz, Mr. Callesen, Mr. Fayolle, Mr. Guzmán, Mr. Mozhin, Mr. Rutayisire)

From: Jianhai Lin, Committee Secretary

Subject: **2010 Annual Meetings—Modalities for the Delivery of Governors' Statements**

Attached is a short note on the modalities for the delivery of Governors' statements for the Annual Meetings. The note will be discussed by the Committee on **Thursday, September 2 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Board Committee Room (HQ1-12-120B).

Questions may be referred to Ms. Psalida, SEC (ext. 35360).

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2010 Annual Meetings—Modalities for the Delivery of Governors' Statements

This note describes the new modalities for disseminating Governors' statements in the context of the reformed 2010 Annual Meetings. An opportunity will be provided to record and broadcast Governors' statements through an interactive and searchable internet interface and other media, which will enhance their reach to a broader audience over an extended period.

Introduction

As part of the reform of the Annual Meetings, the plenary, which will inaugurate the Meetings on the morning of Friday, October 8, will last no more than two hours. The speakers at the plenary will be the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the Managing Director, the World Bank President, and the representative of the host government. For Governors wishing to make an oral statement, their speeches will be recorded and placed on the Annual Meetings external website, and made accessible in numerous interactive ways as elaborated below.

General Format of Governors' Statements

Governors have the option of submitting a written statement only, as in the past, or, if they wish, in video format, which can be recorded either in advance of or during the Annual Meetings.

Statements submitted in video format will need to be accompanied by a written text that can be provided on request as a document to other Governors or interested parties. As with existing practice, the written text of the statement will become part of the official record and will be included in the Summary of Proceedings published after the Meetings.

Content

As in the past, Governors' statements will be limited to presenting Governors' views on the Fund and the World Bank and on economic and financial issues that relate to the agendas of the Annual Meetings. The Secretaries of the Fund and World Bank will communicate with individual Governors if questions arise regarding the content of a statement. The Bank and the Fund reserve the right not to post content that is not deemed by the managements of the institutions to be relevant to the proceedings of the Meetings.

Length of Video Recording—Single- and Multi-Country Statements

As with existing practice, videos should not exceed six minutes for individual Governor statements and 10 minutes for groups of Governors' statements. Text should not exceed 8 and 12 pages, respectively.

Multi-country statements submitted in video format should indicate that they represent a multi-country view (and include country names).

Technical Specifications and Operational Details

Governors' statements recorded in video format in advance of the Annual Meetings should be limited to showing the image of the Governor presenting the statement in order to focus on the content of the communication and to ensure uniformity across Governors' statements. Governors' video statements should not contain additional content, such as Power Point, video clips, or pictures of events and other activities.

Governors' statements recorded in video format at the Annual Meetings site will use a backdrop with the Annual Meetings logo. When posted on the Annual Meetings website, all statements—both video and text format—will contain the Annual Meetings logo.

Specifications and operational details, such as the appropriate backdrop and other requirements relating to the submission of videos in advance of the Annual Meetings, will be communicated to Governors in early September, about one month before the start of the Annual Meetings. The same communication will provide information about reserving time slots for video recording during the Annual Meetings for those Governors that wish to record their videos in Washington.

Broadcasting

Governors' recorded video statements will be made available to the public during the course of the Annual Meetings. They will be posted on the Annual Meetings website and will be broadcast in multi-media screens and through an interactive and searchable internet interface on numerous sites on the Annual Meetings campus.

Such a timely and modern dissemination will reach a wider audience both during and after the Annual Meetings as the videos will remain available permanently on the Annual Meetings website.