

**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

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October 18, 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 Monday, October 25, 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

October 15, 2010

1. This paper proposes a further 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, 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 October 15, 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, to October 31, 2009 by Decision No. 14316, April 22, 2009, to April 30, 2010 by Decision No. 14442, October 26, 2009, and most recently to October 31, 2010 by Decision No. 14610, April 27, 2010.

³ To enter into force, the proposed amendment must be accepted by three-fifths of the members (i.e., 113 members), having eighty-five percent of the total voting power (see Attachment II to Resolution No. 63-2). As of October 15, ninety-three members, accounting for 82.5 percent of the total voting power, have accepted the amendment -- Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, The Bahamas, Belgium, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chad, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Finland, France, The Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Kosovo, Lao P.D.R., Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, FYR Macedonia, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Moldova, Mauritania, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Togo, Trinidad & Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam, and the
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approval, 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, 2011.

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, 2011.

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

(As of October 15, 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 October 15, 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	