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To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: Uganda - Request for Technical Assistance

The Governor of the Bank of Uganda has requested a mission to review the performance of the financial sector. The issues to be examined include: (1) the capital adequacy of commercial banks; (2) the financial situation of the Uganda Commercial Bank, the largest bank in Uganda; (3) the shortage of medium- and long-term credits to meet investment needs of enterprises; (4) the performance of nonbank financial institutions, such as the building societies; and (5) the narrow range of the existing savings instruments. In this context, the authorities would also like the mission to suggest new initiatives aimed at improving savings mobilization.

In response, it is proposed to send a mission composed of Mr. Sergio Pereira Leite (head--CBD), Ms. Tarisa Deeithinant (CBD), and Mr. Silvano Spencer, secretary (SEC), to visit Kampala for a period of about two weeks starting around June 15. The mission will be assisted by the Fund resident representative, Mr. Girma Begashaw.

In the absence of a request for discussion by an Executive Director by noon on Thursday, June 2, 1988, the proposal will be deemed to have been approved by the Executive Board and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

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