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**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

EBAP/87/241

November 3, 1987

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: Operation of Fund Accounts--Authorized Signatories

As a result of personnel changes in the Treasurer's Department, it is necessary to revise Executive Board Decision No. 8357-(86/133), adopted August 7, 1986.

The attention of the Executive Directors is drawn to paragraph 3 of the attached proposed decision which provides for the operation of the Fund's Emergency Accounts and includes the authorization for their operation as a part of the general authorization to operate the other accounts of the Fund.

In connection with the development of an emergency preparedness program in the early 1960s, the Executive Board on January 25, 1963 authorized the Managing Director to take certain actions and incur certain expenditures and to take such other measures as may be necessary to deal with the given circumstances. ^{1/} These measures included the establishment of emergency accounts with three Federal Reserve Banks outside of the Washington metropolitan area to provide funds that could be used for the payment of administrative expenditures in the event of an emergency.

In accordance with the Board's authorization, the Managing Director arranged for the establishment of emergency checking accounts in the amount of US\$1 million each by transfer from the Fund's No. 1 Account with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to the Federal Reserve Banks in Kansas City, Richmond and New York and designated fifty senior officers of the Fund who, in the event of an emergency, could draw

^{1/} The text of the Executive Board Decision recorded in the minutes of EBM/63/3 is as follows: "5. Special administrative arrangements. The Executive Board heard a statement by the Managing Director regarding certain special administrative arrangements. After discussion the decision was: The Executive Board approves the statement of the Managing Director, as set forth in the copy dated January 25, 1963, held in the files of the office of the Secretary, and authorizes the management to take the actions and incur the expenditures referred to therein and to take such other measures as may be necessary to deal with the given circumstances."

checks on the accounts for administrative expenditures. There has been no need to use any of the three accounts since they were established in 1963. However, of the fifty officers of the Fund then designated to operate the accounts, all but one have left the service of the Fund. In the circumstances, and pending completion of the review of emergency arrangements in the Fund, it is proposed that the authority to operate these accounts be incorporated in the general authorization to operate the other accounts of the Fund; if needed, this authority could be supplemented in the light of the review of emergency arrangements for the Fund.

Unless an Executive Director requests, before the close of business on Tuesday, November 10, 1987 that this matter be placed on the agenda, the attached proposed decision will be deemed approved by the Executive Board and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter. This decision will supersede Executive Board Decision No. 8357-(86/133), adopted August 7, 1986.

Att: (1)

Other Distribution:
Department Heads

1. On and after November 11, 1987, the following officials of the International Monetary Fund are authorized signatories to operate (i) the Fund's No. 1, securities and gold accounts held in the General Resources Account of the General Department; (ii) the cash and investment accounts held in the Special Disbursement Account of the General Department; (iii) the cash and investment accounts held in the Borrowed Resources Suspense Account in the General Department; (iv) the cash and investment accounts held in the Trust Fund Account; and (v) the cash and investment accounts held in the Supplementary Financing Facility Subsidy Account, as indicated:

- (a) The Managing Director together with the Deputy Managing Director, or either of them together with any one of the signatories listed under (b) or (c) below;
- (b) Any two of the following signatories, or any one of them together with any one of the signatories listed under (a) or (c):
 - (1) The Treasurer
 - (2) The Deputy Treasurers
 - (3) The Senior Advisor, Treasurer's Department
 - (4) The Advisors, Treasurer's Department
 - (5) The Assistant Treasurer for the Operations Division for General Resources
 - (6) The Chief of the Accounts and Financial Reports Division
 - (7) The Chief of the Administrative Expenditures Division
 - (8) The Chief of the Financial Relations Division
 - (9) The Chief of the Operations Division for SDRs and Administered Accounts
 - (10) The Chief of the Special Operations and SDA Division
- (c) Any one of the signatories listed under (a) or (b) together with any one of the following:
 - (1) The Assistant Chief of the Accounts and Financial Reports Division
 - (2) The Assistant Chief of the Financial Relations Division
 - (3) The Assistant Chief of the Operations Division for General Resources
 - (4) The Assistant Chief of the Operations Division for SDRs and Administered Accounts
 - (5) The Assistant Chief of the Special Operations and SDA Division
 - (6) The Senior Accountant--Accounts and Financial Reports Division
 - (7) The Senior Operations Officers--Operations Division for General Resources.

2. On and after November 11, 1987, the following officials of the International Monetary Fund are authorized signatories to operate the Fund's No. 2 Accounts:

- (a) Any one of the signatories mentioned in paragraph 1 above, or
- (b) The Senior Accountant of the Administrative Expenditures Division.

3. On and after November 11, 1987, any one of the signatories mentioned in paragraph 1 above shall be and hereby is authorized to operate the Fund's Emergency Accounts.

4. In carrying out the purposes of this decision, the foregoing officials, in conformity with this decision, are hereby authorized and empowered in the name and on behalf of the Fund for its own account, or on behalf of the Trust Fund in accordance with Section III, Paragraph 1 of the Instrument annexed to Executive Board Decision No. 5069-(76/72), adopted May 5, 1976, or on behalf of the Supplementary Financing Facility Subsidy Account in accordance with Section 11 of the Instrument contained in Executive Board Decision No. 6683-(80/185) G/TR, adopted December 17, 1980, as amended, to open and operate cash, securities, and investment accounts with such banks and other institutions as have been or shall have been designated as depositories of the Fund in accordance with Article XIII, Section 2, of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund, and with international financial institutions with which investments may be placed; to arrange for the deposit in such accounts of gold or currencies which shall be paid or payable to the Fund and any or all securities held by or to be delivered to the Fund; to execute and deliver any and all such drafts, endorsements, delivery orders, certificates, and other documents; to take any or all such other action as they shall deem necessary or proper in order to effect deposits in such accounts and withdrawals therefrom; and to issue such orders, demands, and instructions and to take all such other action as they shall deem necessary or proper in order to arrange for the safekeeping of such gold, currencies, and securities, the maintenance of such accounts, the withdrawal of any such gold, currencies and securities therefrom, and the delivery of any such gold, currencies, or securities by any such depository or other institution.

4. This decision supersedes Executive Board Decision No. 8357-(86/133), adopted August 7, 1986.