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To: Members of the Executive Board
From: The Secretary
Subject: Poland - Exchange Arrangements

Attached for the information of the Executive Directors is a paper on recent changes in the exchange arrangements of Poland.

Mr. Prust (ext. 7884) is available to answer technical or factual questions relating to this paper.

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POLAND

Exchange Arrangements

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Approved by L.A. Whittome and J.T. Boorman

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In the attached communication the Polish authorities have notified the Fund of changes in the exchange rates for the Polish zloty that became effective on September 1, 1986. The value of the zloty was depreciated against the basket of currencies to which it is pegged for purposes of determining exchange rates against convertible currencies. In terms of the U.S. dollar, the exchange rate was changed from Zl 161.23 = US\$1 (rate effective at end-August, 1986) to Zl 200 = US\$1 which represents a depreciation of 19.4 percent. At the same time, the exchange rate for the transferable ruble (TR) was changed from Zl 91 = TR1 to Zl 95 = TR1 which represents a depreciation of the zloty of 4.2 percent. (All references to exchange rates are to the midpoint of the relevant buying and selling rates quoted by the National Bank of Poland for spot transactions.)

The value of the zloty in terms of the basket to which it is pegged is adjusted from time to time taking into account the difference between rates of inflation in Poland and in its major trading partners. The previous adjustment took place on February 1, 1986. A full description of Poland's exchange arrangements and a discussion of the most recent exchange rate changes will be contained in the staff report for the 1986 Article IV consultation with Poland and in the accompanying report on recent economic developments, both of which are to be issued later this month.

Attachment

TO: EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT
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WASHINGTON

FROM: K. KROWACKI
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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
WARSAW, POLAND

MINISTRY OF FINANCE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT BEGINNING FROM
SEPTEMBER 1, 1986 EXCHANGE RATES OF THE ZLOTY VIS-A-VIS U.S. DOLLAR AND
TRANSFERABLE ROUBLE (TR) HAVE BEEN CHANGED RESPECTIVELY FROM
ZLOTY 161.23 PER ONE U.S. DOLLAR TO TWO HUNDRED ZLOTY PER ONE U.S.
DOLLAR AND FROM NINETY ONE ZLOTY PER ONE TR TO NINETY FIVE ZLOTY PER
ONE TR.

YOURS FAITHFULLY
K. KROWACKI
ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER

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