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To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: Preview of IMF Visitors' Center and Film on the Fund

Members of the Executive Board, their Alternates, Advisors, and staff are invited to a preview of the IMF Visitors' Center and a premiere showing of a film on the Fund, "The IMF at Work," on Tuesday, March 25 in the Auditorium of the IMF Visitors' Center. Three consecutive showings of the film are scheduled: at 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., and at 4:00 p.m.

The IMF Visitors' Center has been developed by the External Relations Department in consultation with other departments in pursuance of a zoning order issued by the D.C. Housing Commission which requires the Fund to provide a public facility next to the Phase IIa annex to the Fund's building. It comprises a 72-seat auditorium equipped with an audiovisual system, a reading area, a book store, and a gallery for permanent and changing exhibits. The permanent exhibit is devoted to the Fund and the evolution of international monetary cooperation. The first of the changing exhibits has been commissioned around the theme of "Coins - Mirrors of Art and Culture." This exhibit will be shown in the IMF Visitors' Center for approximately six months, after which it will be available for showing in member countries interested in the exhibit.

The film "The IMF at Work" was made by the Rosenberg & Issembert Production Company, a Washington-based independent producer of films and is based on a script that was developed within the Fund. Filming ended toward the end of 1985, and the first copy has just been completed. Every effort was made to present the Fund in nontechnical terms and to avoid issues that appear too complex for a general audience. At present, the film is available in English. Other language versions are planned.

Access to the IMF Visitors' Center is from 19th Street.

Other Distribution:
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