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August 8, 1985

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: Argentina - Change in Representative Rate for
the Currency of Argentina

It is not proposed to bring the attached memorandum to the agenda of the Executive Board for discussion unless an Executive Director so requests by noon on Wednesday, August 14, 1985. In the absence of such a request, the draft decision will be deemed approved by the Executive Board and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

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INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Change in Representative Rate for the Currency of Argentina

Prepared by the Treasurer's Department

(In consultation with the Legal, Western Hemisphere,
and Exchange and Trade Relations Departments)

Approved by David Williams

August 8, 1985

The representative rate for the Argentine currency against the U.S. dollar was last established as the midpoint between the buying and selling rates of Argentine pesos for spot delivery of U.S. dollars in the free exchange market (Executive Board Decision No. 5278-(76/164)S, adopted December 7, 1976).

In view of the recent change in the monetary unit of Argentina from the peso argentino to the austral (EBD/85/155, June 21, 1985), the Fund has consulted with the authorities of Argentina under Rule 0-2(c) concerning the determination of a representative rate for the Argentine austral in the domestic exchange market. As a result, it is considered that the representative rate for the Argentine austral under Rule 0-2(b)(i) against the U.S. dollar is the midpoint between buying and selling rates for spot delivery of U.S. dollars in the official exchange market.

As mentioned in the attached telex from the Argentine authorities, the rates of exchange as of August 2, 1985 were one U.S. dollar equals australs 0.800 buying and australs 0.801 selling. It is understood that Banco Central de la Republica Argentina will inform the Fund periodically of changes in these buying and selling rates and will advise immediately any change in the exchange system.

The following draft decision is proposed for adoption by the Executive Board:

The Fund finds, after consultation with the authorities of Argentina, that the representative exchange rate for the Argentine austral under Rule 0-2(b)(i) against the U.S. dollar is the midpoint between buying and selling rates for spot delivery of U.S. dollars in the official exchange market.

Attachment

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FM BANCO CENTRAL DE LA REP ARGENTINA BUENOS AIRES
TO INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND WASHINGTON D.C.

AUGUST 2, 1985

NO. 19

AT.: TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

REF YOUR TELEX GRA NO. 20

1. THIS IS TO PROPOSE THAT THE FUND FIND THE REPRESENTATIVE EXCHANGE RATE FOR THE ARGENTINE AUSTRAL UNDER RULE 0-2 (B)(I) AGAINST THE U.S. DOLLAR TO BE THE MIDPOINT BETWEEN BUYING AND SELLING RATES FOR SPOT DELIVERY OF U.S. DOLLARS IN THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE MARKET. AT PRESENT THE RATES OF EXCHANGE ARE ONE U.S. DOLLARS EQUALS AUSTRALS 0,800 BUYING AND AUSTRALS 0,801 SELLING IN SPOT EXCHANGE TRANSACTION IN THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE MARKET. 2. WE WILL INFORM THE FUND PERIODICALLY OF CHANGES IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED BUYING AND SELLING RATES AND WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY ANY CHANGE IN THE EXCHANGE SYSTEM.

QUOTE AS REF.:

DEPARTAMENTOS DE OPERADORES DE CAMBIO
Y ACUERDOS Y ORGANISMOS INTERNACIONALES

Received in Cable Room August 2, 1985.