NOTICE OF MEETING

The 64th meeting of the Development Committee will be held on Monday, October 1, 2001, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Preston Auditorium of the World Bank, Washington, D.C.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. Topic for Discussion in the Restricted Session
   A. United Nations Financing for Development Conference

II. Items for Comment in Circulated Ministerial Statements
   A. HIPC/PRSP Progress Reports
   B. Harmonization of Operational Policies and Procedures – Progress Report
   C. Progress Towards Education for All

III. Other Business

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1 The President of the World Bank and the Managing Director of the Fund will each provide a statement, in advance of the meeting, focused on agenda topics and other items. A Note on Recent Trends in the Transfer of Resources to Developing Countries will provide background information relevant to the Committee’s work.

The tentative schedule for the meeting is as follows: Plenary Session 9:00-10:00 a.m. (Preston Auditorium); Restricted Session 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (World Bank Board Room, MC13-301); Chairman’s Lunch 12:45-2:30 p.m. (Executive Dining Room, MC13-121).

Main points of the Members’ statements prepared for circulation before the meeting and received at least 24 hours in advance will be highlighted in the Chairman’s statement to the plenary session. The plenary session will be limited to statements by the Chairman, IMF Managing Director, World Bank Group President, and the Chairman of the Group of 24.
Requested in Paragraph 12 of the April 30, 2001 Development Committee Communiqué. The discussion will be guided by a joint World Bank/IMF staff paper that will focus on five sub-topics suggested for ministerial attention in connection with the March 2002 United Nations Conference on Financing for Development. These five are: i) operational implications of the millennium development goals, including the interrelationship of policies, analysis and resources; ii) establishing a hospitable environment for private sector investment; iii) strengthened efforts to integrate developing countries into the international trading system, including increased attention to capacity building, achieving greater market access for developing countries, and initiating a new round of international trade negotiations; iv) encouragement of more rapid progress in the harmonization of MDB and bilateral donor policies and procedures; and v) financing for global public goods, including the role of grant financing and of new public/private partnerships.

Joint Bank/Fund progress reports will be provided.

Requested in paragraph 6 of the April 30, 2001 communiqué.

The Committee noted in paragraph 12 of its April 30, 2001 communiqué that “at a future meeting, the subject of education, including implementation of the Dakar commitments on Education for All”, should be considered. In anticipation of this, World Bank staff will provide a short background note for this session of the Committee.

At the Chairman’s lunch for Members, the President and the Managing Director, Mr. Wolfensohn will invite Members’ views on a number of major issues facing the World Bank Group. Members will also be asked to approve the Communiqué at the close of the lunch.