NOTICE OF MEETING

The 62nd meeting of the Development Committee will be held on Monday, September 25, 2000, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Forum Hall at the Prague Congress Center (PCC), Prague, Czech Republic.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Topics for Discussion in the Restricted Session
   A. Poverty Reduction and Global Public Goods
   B. Supporting Country Development: World Bank Role and Instruments in Low and Middle-Income Countries

2. Items for Comment in Circulated Ministerial Statements
   A. Progress Report on the Comprehensive Development Framework (CDF)
   B. Progress Report on Implementation of Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and the HIPC Initiative
   C. Update on the IBRD’s Financial Capacity
   D. Progress Report on the Bank’s Role in International Financial Architecture

3. Other Business

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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 am (PCC - Forum Hall); Restricted Session 10:15 am-12:30 pm (PCC - Panorama Hall); Chairman’s Lunch 12:45-2:30 pm (PCC – Club A).

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.

An issues note on this subject will be prepared by Bank staff.

A background note, including preliminary consideration of the Bank’s evolving relationships with other institutions, will be prepared for ministers’ discussion of this item.

Bank Executive Directors will consider a CDF progress report on August 31, after which the report’s executive summary and a note reflecting the Board discussion will be provided to the Committee.

A joint Fund/Bank Progress Report on these subjects will describe significant developments since the April 17 Committee meeting. If Members wish to discuss these matters, time will be made available during the Chairman’s lunch.

This brief progress report and attached table respond to the Committee’s request “that the Bank report regularly on … issues” concerning IBRD capital adequacy (September 27, 1999 Communiqué, para. 11).

Bank staff will prepare a report describing recent developments in the Bank’s work on international architecture issues.

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.