NOTICE OF MEETING

The 65th meeting of the Development Committee will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2002, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Preston Auditorium of the World Bank.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. Topics for Discussion
   A. Development Effectiveness, Partnership and Challenges for the Future
   B. Education for Dynamic Economies: Action Plan

II. Items for Comment in Circulated Ministerial Statements
   A. HIPC Progress Report
   B. Harmonization of Operational Policies and Procedures – Progress Report
   C. Anti Money Laundering Action Plan and Fighting Terrorist Financing – Progress Report

III. Other Business

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. Ministers are invited to provide their prepared statements, as far in advance of the meeting as possible, for circulation to all delegations.

On this occasion there will be only one session of the Committee – from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., during which the two agenda items under I. above will be discussed. There will also be a Chairman’s lunch for Members (12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.) in Room MC13-121 on the 13th floor of the World Bank.

Prepared statements submitted by Members and Observers must be received not later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting; these will be printed and circulated upon receipt and available at the session.
It is the intention of the Chairman to write to his Development Committee colleagues prior to the meeting suggesting how discussions, particularly under topic I A, might best be organized.

2 Enhancing the effectiveness of development assistance and ensuring resources are available to meet the Millennium Development Goals are at the center of the current development debate. A paper entitled Development Effectiveness, Partnership, and Challenges for the Future (which draws upon a recent World Bank study on The Role and Effectiveness of Development Assistance) identifies a number of key issues. In addition, a joint IMF/World Bank Review of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper Approach highlights progress made in developing country-owned poverty reduction strategies that would serve as a framework for development assistance. Finally, the report on the outcome of the Conference on Financing for Development (including a Preview of the World Summit on Sustainable Development) identifies a broad agenda for an enhanced collaborative approach between the IFI’s, bilateral donors and developing countries. These documents provide the background for a discussion on the lessons learned and the challenges ahead for development cooperation.

3 The Committee requested in paragraph 9 of its November 18, 2001, “full consideration of this subject at their next meeting”. The report Education for Dynamic Economies: Action Plan to Accelerate Progress Towards Education For All addresses this request.

4 A joint Bank/Fund progress report will be provided on Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative: Status of Implementation.

5 A second progress report on Harmonization of Operational Policies, Procedures and Practices will be provided. A progress report on broader aspects related to MDB co-ordination will be prepared for the September 2002 Development Committee meeting.

6 The Committee requested in paragraph 4 of its last communiqué, further work by the Bank and the Fund in this area. A joint Bank/Fund progress report will be provided.

7 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.