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**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS
OF THE APPEALS BOARD**

Note by the Director

1 Section II of the Statute of the Appeals Board of the 1971 Fund provides that the Appeals Board shall consist of three nationals of different Contracting States, to be appointed by the Assembly. Three substitute members from three other Contracting States shall also be appointed (paragraph (a)). The members and substitute members may be named individuals or the holders for the time being of any senior government official and residing in or near London. They shall not be staff members of the 1971 Fund. At least one member and one substitute member shall have legal qualifications (paragraph (b)). The members and substitute members shall be appointed for a term of two years and may be reappointed. In the event of the death or resignation of a member or substitute member, the Assembly shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired portion of his term. Pending such appointment, the member or substitute member shall be replaced by his successor in office (paragraph (c)).

2 At its 18th session, in October 1995, the Assembly invited the Governments of Algeria, Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom to nominate members for the Appeals Board, and the Governments of Germany, Italy and Japan to nominate substitute members. The following representatives from these Member States were appointed by the Assembly (document FUND/A.18/26, paragraph 13).

Members

Mr A Benguerrah (Algeria)
Mr K J Weerasinghe (Sri Lanka)
Sir Franklin Berman (United Kingdom)

Substitute Members

Mr N Schuldt (Germany)
Mr E Conte (Italy)
Mr K Takiguchi (Japan)

3 Having been notified that Mr N Schuldt (Germany) had been transferred to a duty station outside the United Kingdom, the Assembly at its 19th session, in October 1996, elected Mr P Escherich (Germany) to replace him as a substitute member of the Appeals Board (document 71FUND/A.19/30, paragraph 15).

4 Since the 19th session of the Assembly, the Director has been notified of the resignation of Mr K J Weerasinghe (Sri Lanka) from his position as member of the Appeals Board, following his transfer to a duty station outside the United Kingdom. In accordance with Section II(c) of the Statute of the Appeals Board, Mr Weerasinghe has been replaced in his position on the Appeals Board by his successor in office, Mr T G Ariyaratne, pending the appointment of a replacement by the Assembly.

5 The term of office of the present members and substitute members of the Appeals Board expires at the 20th session of the Assembly.

Action to be taken by the Assembly

6 The Assembly is invited to appoint members and substitute members of the Appeals Board.
