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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

Add the following text at the end of the report:

6. International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Programme 60. Publication of data

99. The IMF's main statistical publication, International Financial Statistics (IFS), will continue to present a growing body of financial and general economic statistics relevant to the analysis of members' domestic and external payments problems. Within the framework of the publication, existing data sets will be further improved in concept, completeness, accuracy and currentness, and new data sets will be incorporated as and when available following the standards of intercountry comparability. Participation in technical assistance, standardization of data collection and the use of computer-assisted reproduction routines will contribute to the improvement of the publication.

Programme 61. Technical assistance

100. The IMF Bureau of Statistics will continue to provide technical assistance to developing member countries, aimed at the establishment and improvement of existing central bank bulletins that assemble, at the national level, statistics necessary for policy formulation by monetary authorities and the analysis of

internal and external monetary problems. Launched in 1969, the programme has produced substantial results. Experience suggests that further work should be devoted to finally meet all countries' needs in this area. The programme provides for initiating the compilation and presentation of new data sets as well as the removal of conceptual dissimilarities in existing data sets among countries and vis-à-vis international standards.

#### Programme 62. Computerization

101. The IMF Data Fund, as a general purpose computer system for storing, updating and operating on financial time series statistics, will be further refined to meet publication and internal and external user needs. At the output end, tape subscription to International Financial Statistics and Direction of Trade is expected to accelerate; computer-assisted reproduction routines will be used to cover statistical publications not yet produced in this manner. Other output in tabular and plotted form will be made more flexible in design with respect to topical, period and country coverage and arrangement. On the input side, computer report forms are expected to be replaced by intercomputer system dialogues as and when data suppliers are ready to submit data fund-type national data in machine-readable form. Further objectives are to expand the Data Fund calculation routines and to improve the internal file organization in efficiency and accessibility.

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