



# Office Memorandum

To: Members of the Executive Board

October 12, 2012

From: The Managing Director

Subject: **Notification of Effectiveness of Partial Distribution of the General Reserve Attributed to Windfall Gold Sale Profits**

1. On February 24, 2012, the Executive Board approved a partial distribution of the general reserve equivalent to SDR 700 million attributed to part of the gold sales windfall profits to all members in proportion to their quotas ([Decision No. 15092-\(12/19\), the "Distribution Decision"](#)).<sup>1</sup>
2. In accordance with paragraph 5 of the Distribution Decision, the distribution will only become effective when I have notified the Executive Board that, in my assessment, satisfactory assurances exist regarding the availability of at least SDR 630 million for new subsidy contributions to the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (PRGT) based on: (a) the amount that members have requested in writing be transferred as subsidy contributions to the PRGT from their share in the partial distribution; (b) the amount of other new contributions that members have provided as subsidy contributions to the PRGT in light of the Distribution Decision; and (c) the amount of other subsidy contributions that members have given written assurances that they will provide to the PRGT in light of the Distribution Decision.
3. I am pleased to notify the Executive Board that the required satisfactory financing assurances have been secured—as of today, October 12, 2012, satisfactory financing assurances have been received from 134 members regarding the availability of SDR 632.46 million (90.35 percent of the distribution) for new PRGT subsidy contributions (Appendix Table). Accordingly, the relevant provisions of the Distribution Decision are effective as of today.

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<sup>1</sup> See [Partial Distribution of the General Reserve Attributed to Windfall Gold Sale Profits \(2/1/2012\)](#).

4. The distribution amounts for each member are shown in the Appendix Table, and are based on members' quotas as of today. The relevant transfers are expected to be made on October 24, 2012, which would allow time for the standard communications with members' fiscal agents on operational aspects of the distribution.<sup>2</sup> Consistent with paragraph 4 of the Distribution Decision, the proceeds from the reduction of the amount of investment in the Investment Account equivalent to SDR 700 million will be transferred to the General Resources Account (GRA) on the same day the distribution is made.

5. This is an important milestone towards completing the 2009 financing package to support the Fund's concessional lending to low-income countries (LICs), and I want to express my utmost gratitude to the many and diverse members that have expressed their support in this way. A number of members have not yet communicated to the Fund their decision regarding a contribution of equivalent amounts of their share of the distribution as new subsidies to the PRGT, and staff will remain in close contact with those members with the goal of maximizing the PRGT's lending capacity. Further updates will be provided to the Board in due course.

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<sup>2</sup> Similar operational modalities were followed for the partial distribution of SCA-1 balances and deferred charges for the financing of Liberia's debt relief in March 2008.

Appendix Table. Assurances of PRGT Subsidies Related to the Partial Distribution of  
SDR 700 million of General Reserves 1/  
(As of October 12, 2012)

	Member	Distribution		Subsidy Pledge
		Millions of SDRs	In percent of the distribution	Millions of SDRs
1	Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of	0.48	0.07	-
2	Albania	0.18	0.03	-
3	Algeria	3.69	0.53	3.69
4	Angola	0.84	0.12	-
5	Antigua and Barbuda	0.04	0.01	-
6	Argentina	6.22	0.89	6.22
7	Armenia	0.27	0.04	0.27
8	Australia	9.51	1.36	9.51
9	Austria	6.21	0.89	6.21
10	Azerbaijan	0.47	0.07	-
11	Bahamas, The	0.38	0.05	-
12	Bahrain	0.40	0.06	-
13	Bangladesh	1.57	0.22	1.57
14	Barbados	0.20	0.03	-
15	Belarus	1.14	0.16	1.14
16	Belgium 2/	13.54	1.93	10.15
17	Belize	0.06	0.01	-
18	Benin	0.18	0.03	0.18
19	Bhutan	0.02	0.00	0.02
20	Bolivia	0.50	0.07	-
21	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.50	0.07	0.50
22	Botswana 2/	0.26	0.04	0.23
23	Brazil	12.50	1.79	12.50
24	Brunei Darussalam	0.63	0.09	0.63
25	Bulgaria 2/	1.88	0.27	1.69
26	Burkina Faso	0.18	0.03	0.18
27	Burundi 2/	0.23	0.03	0.20
28	Cambodia	0.26	0.04	0.26
29	Cameroon	0.55	0.08	0.55
30	Canada	18.72	2.67	18.72
31	Cape Verde	0.03	0.00	0.03
32	Central African Republic	0.16	0.02	0.16
33	Chad	0.20	0.03	0.20
34	Chile	2.52	0.36	-
35	China	28.00	4.00	28.00
36	Colombia	2.28	0.33	-
37	Comoros	0.03	0.00	0.03
38	Congo, Democratic Republic of the	1.57	0.22	1.57
39	Congo, Republic of	0.25	0.04	-
40	Costa Rica	0.48	0.07	0.48

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41 Côte d'Ivoire	0.96	0.14	0.96
42 Croatia 2/	1.07	0.15	0.54
43 Cyprus	0.47	0.07	-
44 Czech Republic	2.95	0.42	-
45 Denmark	5.56	0.79	5.56
46 Djibouti	0.05	0.01	0.05
47 Dominica	0.02	0.00	0.02
48 Dominican Republic	0.64	0.09	-
49 Ecuador	1.02	0.15	-
50 Egypt	2.77	0.40	2.77
51 El Salvador	0.50	0.07	-
52 Equatorial Guinea	0.15	0.02	-
53 Eritrea	0.05	0.01	-
54 Estonia	0.28	0.04	0.28
55 Ethiopia	0.39	0.06	0.39
56 Fiji, Republic of	0.21	0.03	0.21
57 Finland	3.72	0.53	3.72
58 France	31.57	4.51	31.57
59 Gabon	0.45	0.06	0.45
60 Gambia, The	0.09	0.01	0.09
61 Georgia	0.44	0.06	0.44
62 Germany	42.82	6.12	42.82
63 Ghana	1.08	0.15	1.08
64 Greece	3.24	0.46	3.24
65 Grenada	0.03	0.00	0.03
66 Guatemala	0.62	0.09	-
67 Guinea	0.31	0.04	0.31
68 Guinea-Bissau	0.04	0.01	0.04
69 Guyana	0.27	0.04	-
70 Haiti	0.24	0.03	0.24
71 Honduras	0.38	0.05	0.38
72 Hungary	3.05	0.44	3.05
73 Iceland	0.35	0.05	0.35
74 India	17.11	2.44	17.11
75 Indonesia	6.11	0.87	6.11
76 Iran, Islamic Republic of	4.40	0.63	-
77 Iraq	3.49	0.50	3.49
78 Ireland	3.70	0.53	3.70
79 Israel	3.12	0.45	-
80 Italy	23.17	3.31	23.17
81 Jamaica	0.80	0.11	0.80

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		Millions of SDRs	In percent of the distribution	Millions of SDRs
82	Japan	45.94	6.56	45.94
83	Jordan	0.50	0.07	0.50
84	Kazakhstan	1.08	0.15	-
85	Kenya	0.80	0.11	0.80
86	Kiribati	0.02	0.00	-
87	Korea	9.90	1.41	9.90
88	Kosovo	0.17	0.02	-
89	Kuwait	4.06	0.58	4.06
90	Kyrgyz Republic	0.26	0.04	0.26
91	Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.16	0.02	0.16
92	Latvia	0.42	0.06	0.42
93	Lebanon	0.78	0.11	0.78
94	Lesotho 2/	0.10	0.01	0.05
95	Liberia	0.38	0.05	-
96	Libya	3.30	0.47	3.30
97	Lithuania	0.54	0.08	0.54
98	Luxembourg	1.23	0.18	1.23
99	Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of	0.20	0.03	0.20
100	Madagascar	0.36	0.05	-
101	Malawi 2/	0.20	0.03	0.18
102	Malaysia	5.21	0.74	5.21
103	Maldives 2/	0.03	0.00	0.03
104	Mali	0.27	0.04	0.27
105	Malta	0.30	0.04	0.30
106	Marshall Islands	0.01	0.00	-
107	Mauritania	0.19	0.03	0.19
108	Mauritius	0.30	0.04	0.30
109	Mexico	10.66	1.52	-
110	Micronesia, Federated States of	0.01	0.00	-
111	Moldova	0.36	0.05	0.36
112	Mongolia	0.15	0.02	0.15
113	Montenegro	0.08	0.01	-
114	Morocco	1.73	0.25	1.73
115	Mozambique	0.33	0.05	0.33
116	Myanmar	0.76	0.11	0.76
117	Namibia	0.40	0.06	0.40
118	Nepal	0.21	0.03	0.21
119	Netherlands	15.18	2.17	15.18
120	New Zealand	2.63	0.38	2.63

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121	Nicaragua	0.38	0.05	0.38
122	Niger	0.19	0.03	0.19
123	Nigeria	5.15	0.74	5.15
124	Norway	5.54	0.79	5.54
125	Oman	0.70	0.10	0.70
126	Pakistan	3.04	0.43	3.04
127	Palau	0.01	0.00	-
128	Panama	0.61	0.09	0.61
129	Papua New Guinea	0.39	0.06	0.39
130	Paraguay	0.29	0.04	0.29
131	Peru	1.88	0.27	1.88
132	Philippines	3.00	0.43	3.00
133	Poland	4.96	0.71	4.96
134	Portugal	3.03	0.43	3.03
135	Qatar	0.89	0.13	0.89
136	Romania	3.03	0.43	-
137	Russian Federation	17.48	2.50	17.48
138	Rwanda	0.24	0.03	0.24
139	Samoa	0.03	0.00	-
140	San Marino	0.07	0.01	0.07
141	São Tomé and Príncipe	0.02	0.00	0.02
142	Saudi Arabia	20.54	2.93	20.54
143	Senegal	0.48	0.07	0.48
144	Serbia, Republic of	1.37	0.20	1.37
145	Seychelles	0.03	0.00	0.03
146	Sierra Leone	0.30	0.04	0.30
147	Singapore	4.14	0.59	4.14
148	Slovak Republic	1.26	0.18	-
149	Slovenia 2/	0.81	0.12	0.40
150	Solomon Islands	0.03	0.00	0.03
151	Somalia	0.13	0.02	-
152	South Africa	5.49	0.78	5.49
153	South Sudan	0.36	0.05	-
154	Spain	11.83	1.69	11.83
155	Sri Lanka	1.22	0.17	1.22
156	St. Kitts and Nevis	0.03	0.00	-
157	St. Lucia	0.04	0.01	-
158	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	0.02	0.00	-
159	Sudan	0.50	0.07	-
160	Suriname	0.27	0.04	-

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	Millions of SDRs	In percent of the distribution	Millions of SDRs
161 Swaziland	0.15	0.02	-
162 Sweden	7.04	1.01	7.04
163 Switzerland	10.17	1.45	-
164 Syrian Arab Republic	0.86	0.12	-
165 Tajikistan	0.26	0.04	0.26
166 Tanzania	0.58	0.08	0.58
167 Thailand	4.23	0.60	4.23
168 Timor-Leste	0.02	0.00	-
169 Togo	0.22	0.03	0.22
170 Tonga	0.02	0.00	0.02
171 Trinidad and Tobago	0.99	0.14	0.99
172 Tunisia	0.84	0.12	0.84
173 Turkey	4.28	0.61	4.28
174 Turkmenistan	0.22	0.03	0.22
175 Tuvalu	0.01	0.00	-
176 Uganda	0.53	0.08	-
177 Ukraine	4.03	0.58	4.03
178 United Arab Emirates	2.21	0.32	2.21
179 United Kingdom	31.57	4.51	31.57
180 United States	123.83	17.69	123.83
181 Uruguay	0.90	0.13	0.90
182 Uzbekistan	0.81	0.12	0.81
183 Vanuatu	0.05	0.01	-
184 Venezuela, República Bolivariana de	7.82	1.12	-
185 Vietnam	1.35	0.19	-
186 Yemen, Republic of	0.72	0.10	-
187 Zambia	1.44	0.21	1.44
188 Zimbabwe	1.04	0.15	1.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>632.46</b>
<i>Memorandum item:</i>			
<i>Subsidies pledged, as a percentage of total distribution</i>		<i>90.35</i>	

1/ The amounts distributed are based on the quota for each member on the day of the notification of the effectiveness of the partial distribution. The amounts shown in this table are rounded to two decimal places.  
2/ Botswana, Bulgaria, Burundi, Malawi, and Maldives pledged 90 percent of their share of the distribution; Belgium pledged 75 percent; Croatia, Lesotho and Slovenia pledged 50 percent.