Uruguay: Supplementary Letter of Intent

February 18, 2005

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Montevideo, Uruguay  
February 18, 2005  

Dear Mr. de Rato:

As described in our letter of February 9, 2005, we have been working to incorporate the information on nonperforming borrowers in the liquidation funds (whose loans were held by the liquidation funds) into the credit registry for the Banking Superintendency. Completion of this action is a prior action for the completion of the Seventh Review under the Stand-by Arrangement.

As of today, we have been able to transfer information covering 93 percent of the nonperforming borrowers, accounting for 92 percent of the face value of nonperforming loans to the credit registry. The information transferred covers those borrowers who have not made any payment of their debts since the inception of the liquidation funds. However, we are still in the process of verifying information on debtors who have made payments, and this process has taken longer than anticipated as we need to ensure that performing debtors are not erroneously included in the credit registry.

While the prior action, therefore, has not been fully completed, the key debtors (those who have not made any payments) are in the registry, which is the most important element for bolstering creditor discipline. Therefore, we request to proceed with the Seventh Review under the Stand-by Arrangement. Of course, the superintendency of banks and the central bank remain fully committed to transferring the remaining information on nonperforming creditors to the credit registry. We expect this to be completed by May 2005.

Sincerely yours,

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