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The publication of the fifth edition of the *Balance of Payments Manual (BPM5)* in September 1993 introduced a substantially revised system of compilation for balance of payments accounts. In December 1994, the Fund's Statistics Department mailed individual country data recast in the structure of the new edition of the *Manual* to all countries which had reported balance of payments data in the past. The country authorities were asked to review this recasting of their data and to begin reporting data in *BPM5* format.

Balance of payments data in *BPM5* format were published for the first time in the 1995 issue of the *Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook (BOPSY)*. Data for the international investment position were published for the first time in the 1996 issue.

The attached table provides information on the current reporting practices of countries providing balance of payments data to the Fund to show which countries now report in *BPM5* format and the method of reporting. The table shows that 139 countries now report in *BPM5* format, which compares with 130 in 1998 and 102 in 1997. On the method of reporting, it may be noted that many countries send data both in electronic format and in hardcopy as a backup. However, the table is intended to show only the highest level of reporting; i.e., whether data are sent electronically by edifact, if not, whether electronically by spreadsheet, and, in both cases, whether data are sent by e-mail. The general picture is that there is little change on last year in the number of countries sending data by edifact (down from 9 to 8), a significant increase in the number of countries sending data by spreadsheet (up from 73 to 95), and a substantial increase in use of e-mail (up from 29 to 76).

The table also shows that there is a significant increase in the number of countries sending international investment position data (up from 36 to 47), which partly reflects a willingness by countries to publish an incomplete IIP while working on the development of a more complete statement.

**Reporting Practices of Countries Reporting BOP Data to the IMF**

	Country Name	WHAT IS REPORTED			FORMAT			MEDIUM	
		BOP		IIP	EDIFACT	SPREADSHEET	HARDCOPY**	E-MAIL	OTHER
		BPM5	OTHER						
1	Afghanistan*								
2	Albania	X				X			X
3	Algeria *								
4	Angola		X				X		X
5	Anguilla		X			X			X
6	Antigua & Barbuda		X			X			X
7	Argentina	X				X		X	
8	Armenia	X				X			X
9	Aruba	X					X		X
10	Australia	X		X		X		X	
11	Austria	X		X		X		X	
12	Azerbaijan	X					X		X
13	Bahamas	X				X		X	
14	Bahrain	X		X		X		X	
15	Bangladesh	X					X		X
16	Barbados	X				X			X
17	Belarus	X				X		X	
18	Belgium-Luxembourg	X		X	X			X	
19	Belize		X				X		X
20	Benin	X				X		X	
21	Bolivia		X	X		X			X
22	Botswana	X		X		X		X	
23	Brazil	X				X		X	
24	Bulgaria	X		X		X		X	
25	Burkina Faso		X				X		X
26	Burundi	X					X		X
27	Cambodia	X		X		X		X	
28	Cameroon	X				X			X
29	Canada	X		X	X			X	
30	Cape Verde	X				X		X	
31	Central African Republic		X				X		X
32	Chad	X					X		X
33	Chile	X		X		X		X	
34	China	X					X		X
35	Colombia	X		X		X		X	
36	Comoros		X				X		X
37	Congo		X				X		X
38	Costa Rica	X				X		X	X
39	Cote d'Ivoire	X				X		X	
40	Croatia	X				X		X	
41	Cyprus	X				X			X
42	Czech Republic	X		X		X		X	
43	Denmark		X	X		X		X	
44	Djibouti	X					X		X
45	Dominica		X			X		X	
46	Dominican Republic	X				X		X	
47	Ecuador	X				X		X	
48	Egypt	X				X			X
49	El Salvador	X		X		X		X	
50	Equatorial Guinea		X				X		X
51	Estonia	X		X		X		X	
52	Ethiopia	X					X		X
53	Fiji	X				X		X	
54	Finland	X		X	X			X	
55	France	X		X		X		X	
56	Gabon	X					X		X

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		BPM5	OTHER						
57	Gambia	X				X			X
58	Georgia	X					X		X
59	Germany	X		X	X			X	
60	Ghana	X					X		X
61	Greece	X				X			X
62	Grenada		X			X			X
63	Guatemala	X				X		X	
64	Guinea	X				X			X
65	Guinea-Bissau	X					X		X
66	Guyana	X					X		X
67	Haiti	X					X		X
68	Honduras	X				X		X	
69	Hungary	X		X		X		X	
70	Iceland	X		X		X		X	
71	India	X				X			X
72	Indonesia	X					X		X
73	Iran	X					X		X
74	Iraq *								
75	Ireland	X				X			X
76	Israel	X				X		X	
77	Italy	X		X	X			X	
78	Jamaica	X					X		X
79	Japan	X		X		X			X
80	Jordan	X				X		X	
81	Kazakhstan	X		X		X		X	
82	Kenya	X				X			X
83	Kiribati		X				X		X
84	Korea	X				X		X	
85	Kuwait	X				X		X	
86	Kyrgyz Republic	X		X		X		X	
87	Lao, P.D.R.	X					X		X
88	Latvia	X		X		X		X	
89	Lesotho	X					X		X
90	Liberia *								
91	Libya *								
92	Lithuania	X		X		X		X	
93	Macedonia	X		X		X		X	
94	Madagascar	X				X			X
95	Malawi*	X				X			X
96	Malaysia	X		X*			X		X
97	Maldives	X				X		X	
98	Mali		X				X		X
99	Malta	X				X		X	
100	Mauritania	X					X		X
101	Mauritius	X		X			X		X
102	Mexico	X				X		X	
103	Moldova	X		X		X		X	
104	Mongolia	X				X		X	
105	Montserrat*		X			X			X
106	Morocco	X				X		X	X
107	Mozambique	X					X		X
108	Myanmar	X					X		X
109	Namibia	X					X		X
110	Nepal	X					X		X
111	Netherlands	X		X	X			X	
112	Netherlands Antilles	X					X		X

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		BPM5	OTHER						
113	New Zealand	X		X		X		X	
114	Nicaragua	X				X		X	
115	Niger	X					X		X
116	Nigeria	X		X			X		X
117	Norway	X		X*		X		X	
118	Oman	X					X		X
119	Pakistan	X					X		X
120	Panama	X				X		X	
121	Papua New Guinea	X				X		X	
122	Paraguay		X				X		X
123	Peru	X		X		X		X	
124	Philippines	X				X			X
125	Poland	X				X		X	
126	Portugal	X				X		X	
127	Romania	X		X		X		X	
128	Russia	X		X		X		X	
129	Rwanda	X					X		X
130	Samoa	X					X		X
131	Sao Tome e Principe		X				X		X
132	Saudi Arabia		X				X		X
133	Senegal	X					X		X
134	Seychelles	X					X		X
135	Sierra Leone	X					X		X
136	Singapore	X				X		X	
137	Slovak Republic	X		X		X		X	
138	Slovenia	X		X		X		X	
139	Solomon Islands	X				X		X	
140	Somalia *								
141	South Africa	X		X		X		X	
142	Spain	X		X	X			X	
143	Sri Lanka	X				X			X
144	St. Kitts & Nevis		X			X			X
145	St. Lucia		X			X			X
146	St. Vincent & Grenadines.		X			X			X
147	Sudan	X					X		X
148	Suriname	X					X		X
149	Swaziland	X		X			X		X
150	Sweden	X		X		X		X	
151	Switzerland	X		X		X		X	
152	Syrian Arab Republic	X					X		X
153	Tanzania	X					X		X
154	Thailand	X				X		X	
155	Togo	X					X		X
156	Tonga		X				X		X
157	Trinidad & Tobago	X					X		X
158	Tunisia	X					X		X
159	Turkey	X		X		X			X
160	Turkmenistan	X				X			X
161	Uganda		X				X		X
162	Ukraine	X				X		X	
163	United Kingdom	X		X	X			X	
164	United States	X		X		X		X	
165	Uruguay	X		X		X		X	
166	Vanuatu	X					X		X
167	Venezuela	X		X		X		X	
168	Yemen, Republic of	X					X		X

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		BPM5	OTHER						
169	Congo, Dem. Rep. of *								
170	Zambia*		X			X		X	
171	Zimbabwe	X					X		X
	<b>Total</b>	139	25	47	8	95	62	76	90

\* Indicating countries which are very uncurrent in their reporting and for which information shown in the table is not available.

\*\* Fax is not generally used for regular reporting, although it is sometimes used for sending revisions.

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