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**Country Practices in Reporting Balance of Payments and
International Investment Position Data to the Fund**

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COUNTRY PRACTICES IN REPORTING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION DATA TO THE FUND

The attached table provides information on the current reporting practices of countries providing balance of payments and international investment position data to the Fund. It shows which countries now report in *BPM5* format, the most recent period for which data are reported, the type of reporter (annual or quarterly), and the method of reporting. The countries participating in the 2005 Coordinated Portfolio Investment Survey are also highlighted.

The table shows that 170 countries now report in *BPM5* format, which compares with 157 in 2003 and 151 in 2002. 108 countries report quarterly balance of payments data. Seventy-one countries report annual international investment position data and 35 report quarterly data.

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, that is, whether data are sent electronically by edifact/gesmes, if not, whether electronically by spreadsheet, and, in both cases, whether data are sent by e-mail. Ten countries report data using edifact. Between 2003 and end September, 2006, there has been an increase in the number of countries sending data by spreadsheet (from 149 to 158). Forty-nine countries report spreadsheet data via the Integrated Correspondence System (ICS) up from 20 countries in 2003.

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Country Name	WHAT IS REPORTED										METHOD OF REPORTING					
	BOP		FREQUENCY			IIP ¹		FREQUENCY			FORMAT			METHOD OF REPORTING		
	BPM5	OTHER	MOST RECENT PERIOD ¹	QUART-ERLY	ANNUAL	PARTIAL	COMPRE-HENSIVE	MOST RECENT PERIOD ²	QUART-ERLY	ANNUAL	EDIFACT/ GESMES	SPREAD-SHEET	HARD COPY	E-MAIL	ICS	OTHER
41	X		Q4-2005	X			X	Q4-2005	X		X		X			
42	X		2004 (2005)		X		X	2004 (2005)		X	X		X			
43	X		Q1-2006 (Q2-2006)	X			X	2005		X	X				X	
44	X		Q1-2006	X			X	2005		X	X					X
45	X		Q1-2006	X			X	2005		X	X				X	
46	X		Q4-2004 (Q2-2006)	X			X	Q1-2006		X	X		X			
47	X		1995		X							X				X
48	X		2002 (2005)		X						X		X			
49	X		2002 (2005)		X		X	2005		X	X		X			
50	X		2005		X						X		X			
51	X		Q4-2004 (Q1-2006)	X			X	2004 (2005)		X	X		X			
52	X		2005		X						X		X			
53	X		Q4-2005	X			X	Q4-2005		X	X		X			
54	X		1996		X						X		X			X
55	X		Q4-2000	X							X		X			
56	X		Q1-2006 (Q2-2006)	X			X	Q1-2006 (Q2-2006)		X	X		X			
57	X		Q1-2006	X							X		X			
58	X		Q2-2006	X			X	Q1-2006		X	X		X			X
59	X		2003		X						X		X			
60	X		1999		X						X		X			
61	X		Q4-2005 (Q2-2006)	X			X	Q3-2005 (Q2-2006)		X	X		X			
62	X		Q1-2006	X			X	2005		X	X		X			X
63	X		2005		X						X		X			
64	X		2004		X						X		X			
65	X		2005		X						X		X			
66	X		Q1-2006	X			X				X		X			X
67	X		Q2-2006	X			X				X		X			
68	X		2005		X						X		X			
69	X		Q4-2005	X			X	Q1-2006		X	X		X			X
70	X		2005		X						X		X			
71	X		Q4-2005	X			X				X		X			
72	X		2004		X						X		X			
73	X		2004		X		X	2004		X	X		X			
74	X		2004		X		X				X		X			
75	X		2005		X		X	2005		X	X		X			
76	X		2005		X						X		X			
77	X		Q1-2006	X			X	Q1-2006		X	X		X			X
78	X		Q1-2006	X			X	Q1-2006		X	X		X			X
79	X		Q1-2004	X			X	2004 (2006)		X	X		X			X
80	X		Q1-2006	X			X	2004		X	X		X			X

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81	X		2000		X						X			X		
82		X	1977 (2005)		X								X			X
83	X		Q1-2006	X			X	2004		X						
84	X		Q1-2006 (Q2-2006)	X			X	Q1-2006 (Q2-2006)	X							X
85	X		Q1-2006	X			X	2005		X				X		
86	X		2005		X									X		
87	X		Q1-2006	X			X	2005		X				X		
88	X		Q4-2005	X		X		2005		X				X		X
89	X		Q1-2006	X			X	Q1-2006	X					X		
90	X		2005		X									X		
91		X	1994		X								X			
92	X		Q1-2006	X			X	2004		X					X	
93	X		2004		X									X		
94	X		Q4-2005	X			X	2005		X				X		
95		X	2001		X									X		
96	X		Q1-2006 (Q2-2006)	X			X	Q1-2006 (Q2-2006)	X						X	
97	X		Q4-2005	X			X							X		
98	X		Q1-2005 (Q2-2006)	X			X	Q1-2005 (Q2-2006)	X					X		
99		X	1987		X								X			X
100		X	2004 (2005)		X									X		
101	X		Q1-2006	X			X	Q1-2006	X						X	
102	X		Q2-2006	X			X	2005		X				X		
103	X		Q4-2005	X		X		2005		X				X		
104	X		2003		X									X		X
105		X	2002		X									X		X
106	X		Q4-2005	X			X	2004		X				X		
107	X		2005		X		X	2005		X				X		
108	X		2004		X		X	2004		X				X		
109	X		Q2-2006	X			X	2005		X				X		
110	X		1998		X									X		
111	X		Q4-2005	X		X		Q4-2005	X					X		
112	X		Q2-2006	X			X	2005		X				X		
113	X		Q1-2006	X			X	Q1-2006	X					X		
114	X		2004		X									X		
115	X		2005		X									X		
116	X		Q4-2005	X		X		2005		X				X		X
117	X		Q4-2005	X		X		2005		X				X		X
118	X		Q1-2005	X		X		Q1-2005	X					X		
119	X		Q1-2005	X		X		2003		X				X		
120	X		Q4-2005	X										X		

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121	X		Q1-2006	X			X				X			X				
122	X		Q4-2005	X										X				
123	X		2005		X									X				
124	X		Q2-2005 (Q1-2006)	X			X							X				
125	X		Q4-2005	X										X				
126	X		2003 (2005)		X		X							X		X		
127	X		2004		X									X				
128	X		Q2-2006	X			X							X				
129	X		2005		X									X				
130	X		Q1-2006	X			X							X				
131	X		Q1-2006	X			X							X				
132	X		Q4-2001 (2005)		X									X				
133	X		Q1-2006	X			X							X				
134	X		Q4-2005	X			X							X				
135	X		Q1-2006	X			X							X				
136	X		Q2-2006	X			X							X				
137	X		Q1-2006	X			X							X				
138	X		Q1-2006	X			X							X				
139	X		Q2-2006	X			X							X				
140	X		2005		X		X							X				
141	X		Q4-2005 (Q2-2006)	X										X				
142	X		2002		X									X				
143	X	X	2005		X									X				
144	X		2003		X		X							X		X		
145	X		2005		X									X				
146	X		2005		X									X		X		
147	X		Q4-2005	X										X				
148	X		Q4-2003	X			X							X				
149	X		Q1-2006	X			X							X				
150	X		1999		X									X				
151	X	X	1989		X									X		X		
152	X		Q1-2006 (Q2-2006)	X			X							X				
153	X		Q1-2006	X			X							X				
154	X		Q4-2004 (Q4-2005)	X			X							X				
155	X		2005		X									X				
156	X		2005		X		X							X				
157	X		2002 (2005)		X									X				
158	X		Q4-2005	X										X				
159	X		Q4-2005	X										X				
160	X		2004 (2005)		X		X							X				

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161	*Sweden	X		Q4-2005	X				X					X			
162	*Switzerland	X		Q1-2006	X										X		
163	Syrian Arab Republic	X		2004 (2005)		X								X			
164	Tajikistan	X		Q1-2006	X									X			
165	Tanzania	X		2005		X								X			
166	*Thailand	X		Q1-2006	X									X			
167	Togo	X		2003 (2004)		X								X			
168	Tonga		X	Q2-2003	X							X				X	
169	Trinidad & Tobago	X		2003 (2004)		X								X			
170	Tunisia	X		2005		X								X			
171	*Turkey	X		Q1-2006 (Q2-2006)	X									X			
172	Turkmenistan	X		Q2-1998	X									X			
173	Uganda	X		Q2-2006	X									X			
174	*Ukraine	X		Q1-2006 (Q2-2006)	X									X		X	
175	*United Kingdom	X		Q1-2006 (Q2-2006)	X									X			
176	*United States	X		Q1-2006	X									X			
177	*Uruguay	X		Q1-2006	X									X			
178	Vanuatu	X		Q4-2005	X									X			
179	*Venezuela	X		Q2-2006	X									X			
180	Vietnam	X		Q2-2006	X									X			
181	West Bank and Gaza	X		2004		X								X			
182	Yemen, Republic of	X		Q4-2005	X									X			
183	Zambia		X	2000 (Q1-2004)	X									X			
184	Zimbabwe		X	Q4-1994	X									X			
	Total	170	14		108	76	9	98	35	71	10	158	17	117	49	22	

DATA IN PARENTHESIS HAVE BEEN REPORTED BUT NOT YET UPDATED IN PRODUCTION FILE

¹ Countries report IIP data of varying comprehensiveness. Where these data are viewed as sufficiently comprehensive that the total assets, total liabilities, and net position are meaningful and not misleading, these aggregates are calculated and published. Otherwise, the partial IIP data are published without the aggregates.

² The cutoff date for this report is September 29, 2006.

³ BOP data prior to 2002 cover Belgium-Luxembourg.

⁴ BOP data are reported on a spreadsheet and IIP data are reported via GESMES/CB for Italy.

⁵ Data may be reported by email, ICS or both.

* Participating in the 2005 Coordinated Portfolio Investment Survey