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1. This paper proposes a further six-month extension of the period for members to consent to an increase in their quotas under the Fourteenth General Review of Quotas ("Fourteenth Review") through June 28, 2019.¹ The current deadline is due to expire on December 28, 2018.² However, Board of Governors Resolution No. 66-2 provides that the Executive Board may extend the period for consent as it may determine. An extension under Resolution No. 66-2 will also extend the periods of consent for quota increases under the 2008 Reform of Quota and Voice (Resolution No. 63-2) ("2008 Reform") and the Eleventh General Review of Quotas (Resolution No. 53-2).³
2. This paper also proposes a further six-month extension of the period for payment of quota increases under the Fourteenth Review, and an extension for the payment of the quota increases under the 2008 Reform, through June 28, 2019.
3. As of December 12, 2018, five members had not yet consented to their proposed quota increases under Resolution No. 66-2 (see Appendix I).⁴ Two of those members (Somalia and Sudan) are currently not eligible to consent to their quota increases under the Eleventh and Fourteenth General Reviews due to protracted arrears to the Fund in General Resources Account.^{5,6}

¹ See [Board of Governors Resolution No. 66-2](#), *Fourteenth General Review of Quotas and Reform of the Executive Board*.

² See [Extension of the Periods for Consent to and Payment of Quota Increase](#) (6/27/2018).

³ See Paragraph 7 of [Board of Governors Resolution No. 66-2](#), *Fourteenth General Review of Quotas and Reform of the Executive Board*.

⁴ Palau has not consented to its quota increase under the 2008 Reform. It has, however, consented to its quota increase under the Fourteenth Review but has not made payment of its quota increase.

⁵ Resolution Nos. 53-2 and 66-2 provide that no member with overdue repurchases, charges, or assessments to the General Resources Account may consent to, or pay for, its quota increase until it becomes current with respect to these obligations.

⁶ See [Review of the Fund's Strategy on Overdue Financial Obligations](#) (07/20/2017).

4. For the Fourteenth Review, under Board of Governors Resolution No. 66-2, each member shall pay to the Fund the increase in its quota within 30 days after the later of (a) the date on which it notifies the Fund of its consent, or (b) the date on which all of the general effectiveness conditions for the quota increases under the Fourteenth Review are met, provided that the Executive Board may extend the payment period as it may determine.⁷ The initial 30-day period for payments has been extended nine times, most recently through December 28, 2018.⁸ Staff continues to follow up on the remaining quota payments.⁹ However, some members have indicated that they require additional time to complete internal procedures for the payment of quota increases.

5. With respect to the 2008 Reform, among members that have consented to their ad hoc quota increases under the 2008 Reform, two members – Eritrea and the Syrian Arab Republic – require additional time to complete the payments for their ad hoc quota increases. The Executive Board has previously extended the payment deadline for these countries, most recently in June 2018.¹⁰ Their deadline for payment is currently December 28, 2018.

6. While it is important to emphasize that all members who have not yet consented to their Fourteenth Review quota increases should do so without further delay, and that members who have consented to their quota increases should make their quota payments in a timely manner, a further six-month extension in the periods for consent to and payment of quota increases would seem appropriate.

7. In these circumstances, it is proposed to extend the period for consent under Resolution No. 66-2 to end at 6:00 p.m., Washington D.C. time, on June 28, 2019. It is also proposed that the Executive Board extend the period for payment of the quota increases under the Fourteenth General Review of Quotas through June 28, 2019 for those members whose quota payments would otherwise be due earlier, and that the Executive Board extend the period for payment of the quota increases under the 2008 Reform for Eritrea and the Syrian Arab Republic through June 28, 2019.

⁷ See paragraph 5 in [Board of Governors Resolution No. 66-2](#), *Fourteenth General Review of Quotas and Reform of the Executive Board*.

⁸ See [Extension of the Periods for Consent to and Payment of Quota Increase](#) (6/27/2018).

⁹ As of December 12, 2018, of the 184 members that had consented to their quota increases under the Fourteenth Review, 181 members had paid their quota increases.

¹⁰ See [Extension of the Periods for Consent to and Payment of Quota Increase](#) (6/27/2018).

Proposed Decisions

Accordingly, the following decisions, each of which may be adopted by a majority of the votes cast, are proposed for adoption by the Executive Board:

Decision 1: Extension of the Period for Consent to Increase Quotas Under the Fourteenth General Review of Quotas

Pursuant to paragraph 4 of Resolution No. 66-2, *Fourteenth General Review of Quotas and Reform of the Executive Board*, the Executive Board decides that notices of consent from members to increases in their quotas must be received in the Fund by 6:00 p.m., Washington D.C. time, on June 28, 2019.

Decision 2: Extension of the Period of Payment of Quota Increase Under the Fourteenth General Review of Quotas

Pursuant to paragraph 5 of Board of Governors Resolution No. 66-2, *Fourteenth General Review of Quotas and Reform of the Executive Board*, the Executive Board decides that each member shall pay to the Fund the increase in its quota under the Fourteenth General Review by the later of (a) June 28, 2019, or (b) 30 days after the date on which it notifies the Fund of its consent.

Decision 3: Extension of the Period of Payment of Quota Increase Under the 2008 Reform

Pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Resolution of the Board of Governors No. 63-2, *Reform of Quota and Voice in the International Monetary Fund*, the Executive Board decides to extend the period for payment of quota increase by Eritrea and the Syrian Arab Republic through June 28, 2019.

Appendix I. Status of Members' Consents to Increases in Quotas Under the Fourteenth General Review of Quotas

(as of December 12, 2018)

The five members listed below have not yet consented to their respective quota increases under the Board of Governors Resolution No. 66-2:

Eritrea

Sudan

Micronesia, Federated States of

Syrian Arab Republic

Somalia