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STATUS REPORT ON PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS

1. The present document provides Executive Board members with concise, updated information regarding the status of arrears as at 30 November 2003. The following summaries are given:

- Table 1 – Comparison of Arrears by Region Compared with One Year Ago
- Table 2 – Summary of Borrowers with Arrears Exceeding 75 Days
- Table 3 – Borrowers with Agreed Settlement Plans.

2. With regard to Table 3, Executive Directors are requested to note that Guinea-Bissau and Sierra Leone will benefit from relief under the Debt Initiative for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) once completion point is reached, as well as from interim relief.

3. It is noted that arrears have increased from USD 66.9 million as at 30 November 2002 to USD 75.8 million as at 30 November 2003, although the number of borrowers has only slightly increased from 21 to 22 for the same period. The increase is due to the accumulated arrears of long-outstanding borrowers (USD 8.9 million) over the past year. Of this, Cuba accounts for about USD 2.0 million in exchange movements from pound sterling to the United States dollar.

Table 1

COMPARISON OF ARREARS BY REGION COMPARED WITH ONE YEAR AGO					
As at 30 November 2003					
(in USD '000)					
Region	No. of Loans	Principal Loan Repayments	Interest and Service Charges	Total Arrears	%
Africa I					
As at 30 November 2003	30	22 650	10 850	33 500	44
As at 30 November 2002	31	23 073	10 532	33 605	50
Africa II					
As at 30 November 2003	11	4 416	1 402	5 818	8
As at 30 November 2002	9	2 840	821	3 661	6
Asia and the Pacific					
As at 30 November 2003	4	745	359	1 104	1
As at 30 November 2002	4	626	109	735	1
Latin America and the Caribbean					
As at 30 November 2003	9	14 387	7 579	21 966	29
As at 30 November 2002	2	11 124	5 781	16 905	25
Near East and North Africa					
As at 30 November 2003	10	10 100	3 350	13 450	18
As at 30 November 2002	10	8 998	3 003	12 001	18
Total all regions					
As at 30 November 2003	64	52 298	23 540	75 838	100
As at 30 November 2002	56	46 661	20 246	66 907	100

Table 2

SUMMARY OF BORROWERS WITH ARREARS EXCEEDING 75 DAYS (in USD '000)				
Borrower	No. of Days Overdue	Principal	Interest	Total Arrears
Liberia*	5 236	10 269	6 111	16 380
Cuba*	5 130	12 262	6 877	19 139
Somalia*	4 680	9 140	3 064	12 204
D.R. Congo**	3 286	5 010	1 916	6 926
Guinea-Bissau***	1 830	1 283	456	1 739
Sierra Leone***	1 710	1 367	454	1 821
Togo	1 156	2 162	852	3 014
Solomon Islands	1 126	254	87	341
Central African Republic	916	2 157	839	2 996
Zimbabwe	780	4 252	1 231	5 483
Seychelles	676	145	76	221
Haiti	180	295	70	365
Paraguay	180	694	266	960
Sudan	76	413	151	564
Total		49 703	22 450	72 153

* As at 30 November 2003, no arrears settlement packages have been possible. Arrears for these three countries represent 63% of the total arrears due to IFAD.

** Under approved debt settlement plan.

*** Arrears will be cleared under the Debt Initiative for the HIPC's once completion point is reached.

Table 3

BORROWERS WITH AGREED SETTLEMENT PLANS

As at 30 November 2003

Guinea-Bissau	In April 2001, the Executive Board approved debt relief for this country under the Debt Initiative for HIPC. The arrears will be formally cleared once the completion point is reached. Guinea-Bissau will also benefit from interim relief.
Sierra Leone	The borrower is adhering to a debt settlement plan approved by the Executive Board in December 2001. In September 2002, the Board approved debt relief for the country under the Debt Initiative for HIPC. All arrears will be cleared by the Trust Fund once completion point is reached. Sierra Leone will also benefit from interim relief.
D.R. Congo	A debt settlement plan, approved by the April 2003 Session of the Executive Board, consists of a grant from Belgium of USD 2 713 086, which was used to pay a downpayment on arrears of USD 1.5 million and to pay current amounts due from 1 January 2003 until the grant is exhausted. The authorities of the Democratic Republic of the Congo will pay any amount not covered by the Belgium grant. The plan includes a two-year grace period; the remaining arrears will be paid in six-monthly instalments commencing 1 January 2005.

