Country Group Profiles

1. The evaluation studies interactions with the entire membership. For analytical purposes, the IEO separated the membership into three subgroups based on stage of development and economic size: advanced economies, emerging economies, and PRGF-eligible countries. Table 1 summarizes the groups and the criteria used to define them. Table 2 lists the economies in the various groups.

2. The evaluation team first divided the membership into two groups using classifications from the IMF's World Economic Outlook (WEO). The October 2008 WEO—published just prior to delivery of the IEO survey—included 30 “advanced economies,” and the remaining were defined as “emerging and developing.”

3. The 30 advanced economies were further divided into subgroups based on economic size. Specifically, the G-7 economies were defined as “large advanced” and the remaining 23 economies as “other advanced.” Together, they accounted for about 68 percent of global GDP in 2008 at current exchange rates (§41 trillion), and 62 percent of IMF quotas. Three Fund area departments manage interactions with the advanced economies—the Asia and Pacific Department covers five countries, the European Department covers 23, and the Western Hemisphere Department covers two.

4. For purposes of the evaluation’s analysis, the emerging and developing economies were also separated into two groups—emerging economies and PRGF-eligible countries. Because of the large differences in economic size within the group, the emerging economies were further split into “large emerging economies” and “other emerging economies.” India, though in principle PRGF-eligible, is included for analytic purposes among the large emerging economies. This process yielded 64 other emerging economies and 19 large emerging economies. Together, these countries had a combined GDP of nearly $18 trillion in 2008, accounting for 30 percent of global GDP measured at current exchange rates. They account for about 32 percent of Fund quotas. Interactions with emerging economies are managed by all five Fund area departments.

5. The evaluation also covers IMF interactions with 77 PRGF-eligible countries eligible for borrowing from the Poverty Reduction and Growth facility (PRGF). These 77 countries had a combined GDP of around $1 trillion in 2008, amounting to 2 percent of global GDP measured with current exchange rates. Together, they hold almost 6 percent of Fund quotas. Interactions with PRGF-eligible countries are managed by all five Fund area departments; about half the number of PRGF-eligible countries are in the African Department.
### Table 1. Country Groups

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### Table 2. List of Economies by Group

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