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Interviews of Country Authorities

For the purposes of this evaluation, the IEO team interviewed the authorities of 54 countries and 3 regional organizations, for a total of 382 interviews. Interviews were held during country visits, at the IMF headquarters during the 2011 Spring and Annual Meetings, and by telephone. The team also conducted interviews of IMF Management and staff and of members in most of

the Executive Directors' offices. Table A2.1 presents the geographical distribution (based on area department) of countries for which authorities were interviewed.¹ Table A2.2 presents the same sample organized by country income group. Finally, Table A2.3 presents the sample classified by program status.

Table A2.1. Country Authorities Interviewed by Area Department

	Number of Countries	Number of Interviews
AFR	20	83
APD	9	102
EUR	15	128
MCD	3	13
WHD	10	56
Total	57	382

Table A2.2. Country Authorities Interviewed by Income Group

	Number of Countries	Number of Interviews
Advanced economies	14	100
Emerging market economies	24	198
Low-income countries	19	84
Total	57	382

Table A2.3. Country Authorities Interviewed by Program Status¹

	Number of Countries	Number of Interviews
Program	23	152
Surveillance	34	230
Total	57	382

¹As per OBP's time reporting system classification (as of February 1, 2012). Regional entities are considered to be in the surveillance group.

¹The small number of interviews and country visits for the Middle East and Central Asia Department (MCD) was influenced by the Arab Spring events in the region during 2011. However, countries from that region were well represented in the survey of authorities; about 70 percent of countries submitted at least one response—the second highest among all regions.