

ANNEX 6

Qualitative Appraisal of Joint Staff Assessments

The IEO undertook a desk review of the 28 JSAs of full PRSPs issued through May 2003, involving a systematic analysis of their contents in areas of interest to the evaluation team. The table below pre-

sents the criteria used in assigning quality ratings to selected aspects of JSAs, as well as the average and median ratings obtained by JSAs in our sample for each of these aspects.

| JSA Assessment Matrix: Coding Scheme | Mean | Median |
|--|-------------|------------|
| 1: Highly unsatisfactory 2: Unsatisfactory 3: Satisfactory 4: Highly satisfactory | | |
| Analysis of Risks to Successful PRSP Implementation | 3.18 | 3 |
| 1. Risks to PRSP implementation not discussed | | |
| 2. Discussion of risks is limited | | |
| 3. Risks adequately discussed but no remedial actions suggested | | |
| 4. Risks exhaustively discussed along with remedial actions | | |
| Clear and Candid Assessment of the Following Key Areas: | | |
| A. Ownership and Participation | 2.43 | 2 |
| 1. Little or no description of participatory process and no discussion of ownership at all | | |
| 2. Incomplete discussion of country ownership and participation | | |
| 3. Good description of participatory process and discussion of ownership | | |
| 4. Extensive description of country ownership and participation and its impact on the content of the strategy | | |
| B. Targets, Indicators, and Monitoring | 3.36 | 3.5 |
| Criteria: (i) Realism, (ii) Consistency with priorities, (iii) Transparency/ Participatory methods for monitoring the PRSP, and (iv) Feedback into policy decisions | | |
| 1. Partial description without assessment | | |
| 2. Good description but no assessment | | |
| 3. Good description and some assessment (1 or 2 criteria met) | | |
| 4. Full description and good assessment (3 or 4 criteria met) | | |
| C. Priority Public Actions | | |
| C1. Macroeconomic Framework | 3.04 | 3 |
| Criteria: (i) Soundness, (ii) Realism, (iii) Trade-offs, and (iv) Robustness | | |
| 1. No assessment at all | | |
| 2. Assessment of soundness only | | |
| 3. Assessment of soundness and some qualitative assessment | | |
| 4. Assessment covers soundness, realism, robustness, and discussion of trade-offs | | |
| C2. Fiscal Choices | 3.14 | 3 |
| Criteria: (i) Internal consistency, (ii) Quality of data and cost estimates, and (iii) Administrative capacity to deliver | | |
| 1. No discussion at all | | |
| 2. Assessment covers only one criterion | | |
| 3. Assessment covers two criteria | | |
| 4. Assessment covers all three criteria | | |

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| C3. Financing Plan Criteria: (i) Realism, (ii) Sustainability, (iii) Alignment, and (iv) Contingency plans 1. No discussion at all 2. Assessment covers only one criteria 3. Assessment covers two criteria 4. Assessment covers three or four criteria | 2.79 | 3 |
| Due Consideration of Country Situation 1. No discussion of initial conditions 2. Limited discussion of domestic context with respect to the PRSP 3. Discussion of the country situation is adequate, but weakly linked to PRSP 4. Country situation is well discussed as well as its links to the PRSP | 2.81 | 3 |