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To provide for the participation of the United States  
in the International Monetary Fund and in the  
International Bank for Reconstruction and  
Development.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Short Title

Section 1. This Act may be cited as the "Bretton Woods Agreements  
Act."

Acceptance of Membership

Sec. 2. The President is hereby authorized to accept membership  
for the United States in the International Monetary Fund (hereinafter referred  
to as the Fund), and in the International Bank for Reconstruction and Develop-  
ment (hereinafter referred to as the Bank), which are specified in the Articles  
of Agreement of the Fund and the Bank as set forth in the Final Act of the  
United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference dated July 22, 1944 and  
deposited in the archives of the Department of State.

Appointment of Governors and Executive

Directors

Sec. 3. The President, by and with the advice and consent of the  
Senate, shall appoint a governor of the Fund and an alternate, and a governor  
of the Bank and an alternate. The term of office of each shall be five years.  
The President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint  
an executive director of the Fund and an executive director of the Bank. The  
term of office of each shall be two years. Each executive director shall,  
with the approval of the President, appoint an alternate. Governors and their  
alternates shall be eligible to appointment either as executive directors or

### Reports

Sec. 4. The President from time to time, but not less frequently than every six months, shall transmit to the Congress a report, with respect to the Fund and the Bank, of the activities of the United States, the governors and executive directors of the Fund and the Bank, and their alternates.

### Certain Acts Not to Be Taken without Authorization

Sec. 5. Unless Congress by law authorizes such action, neither the President nor any person or agency designated by him shall on behalf of the United States (a) request or consent to any change in the quota of the United States under Article III, Section 2, of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund; (b) approve any change in the par value of the United States dollar under Article IV, Section 5, of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund, or approve any general change in par values under Section 7 of that Article; (c) subscribe to additional shares of stock under Article II, Section 3, of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank; (d) accept any amendment under Article XVII of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund or Article VIII of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank; (e) make any loan to the Fund under Article VII, Section 2, of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund. Unless Congress by law authorizes such action, no governor, executive director, or alternate shall on behalf of the United States vote for an increase of capital stock of the Bank under Article II, Section 2, of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank.

### Par Value of United States Dollar

Sec. 6. When the United States is requested by the Fund to communicate the par value of the United States dollar, the President shall communicate such par value as 15-5/21 grains of gold nine-tenths fine.

### Depositories

Sec. 7. Any Federal Reserve bank which is requested to do so by the Fund or the Bank shall act as its depository or as its fiscal agent, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall supervise and direct

Payment of Subscriptions

Sec. 8. (a) Subsection (c) of section 10 of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934, (48 Stat. 341, U.S.C., 1940 ed., title 31, sec. 322a), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(c) The Secretary of the Treasury is directed to use \$1,800,000,000 of the fund established in this section to pay part of the subscription of the United States to the International Monetary Fund."

(b) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated \$950,000,000 to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay the part of the subscription of the United States to the Fund not provided for in subsection (a), and \$3,175,000,000 to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay the subscription of the United States to the Bank.

(c) For the purpose of keeping to a minimum the cost to the United States of participation in the Fund and the Bank, the Secretary of the Treasury, after paying the subscription of the United States to the Fund, and any part of the subscription of the United States to the Bank required to be made under Article II, Section 7(i) of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank, is authorized and directed to issue special notes of the United States from time to time at par and to deliver such notes to the Fund and the Bank in exchange for dollars to the extent permitted by the respective Articles of Agreement. The special notes provided for in this subsection shall be issued under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, and the purposes for which securities may be issued under that Act are extended to include the purposes for which special notes are authorized and directed to be issued under this subsection, but such notes shall bear no interest, shall be non-negotiable and shall be payable on demand of the Fund or the Bank as the case may be. The face amount of special notes issued to the Fund under the authority of this subsection and outstanding at any one time shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount of the subscription of the United States actually paid to

any one time shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount actually paid to the Bank by the United States under Article II, Section 7(i) of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank.

(d) Any payment made to the United States by the Fund or the Bank as a distribution of net income or as a repayment of the subscription of the United States, shall be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

#### Obtaining and Furnishing Information

Sec. 9. So long as the United States is a member of the Fund or of the Bank, the President may require at any time, in the manner and under the penalties provided in section 5(b) of the Trading with the enemy Act (40 Stat. 415, U.S.C., 1940 ed., title 50 App., sec. 5), as amended, the furnishing of--

(a) any data that may be requested by the Fund under Article VIII, Section 5, of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund; and

(b) any data of the type which may be required under such section 5(b) and which in his judgment is essential for the guidance of the United States in its participation in the Fund and the Bank.

#### Financial Transactions with Foreign Governments in Default

Sec. 10. The Act entitled "An Act to prohibit financial transactions with any foreign government in default on its obligations to the United States", approved April 13, 1934 (48 Stat. 574, U.S.C., 1940 ed., title 31, sec. 804a), is amended by adding at the end thereof a new section to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. While any foreign government is a member both of the International Monetary Fund and of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, this Act shall not apply to the sale or purchase of bonds, securities, or other obligations of such government or any political subdivision thereof or of any organization or association acting for or on behalf of such government or political subdivision, or to the making of any loan to such government, political subdivision, organization or association."

### Jurisdiction and Venue of Actions

Sec. 11. For the purpose of any action which may be brought by or against the Fund or the Bank in accordance with the Articles of Agreement of the Fund or the Articles of Agreement of the Bank, the Fund or the Bank, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be an inhabitant of the Federal judicial district in which its principal office in the United States is located, and any such action at law or in equity, brought within the United States, its territories and possessions, to which either the Fund or the Bank shall be a party, shall be deemed to arise under the laws of the United States, and the district courts of the United States shall have original jurisdiction of any such action. When either the Fund or the Bank is a defendant in any such action, it may, at any time before the trial thereof, remove such action from a State court into the district court of the United States for the proper district by following the procedure for removal of causes otherwise provided by law.

### Status, Immunities and Privileges.

Sec. 12. The provisions of Article IX, Sections 2 to 9, both inclusive, and the first sentence of Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund and the provisions of Article VII, Sections 2 to 9, both inclusive, of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank shall, upon acceptance of membership in the Fund and the Bank by the United States and upon the establishment of the Fund and the Bank, have full force and effect in the United States, its territories and possessions.

Alternate Section on Payment of Subscriptions.

Sec. 8. (a) Subsection (c) of section 10 of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934 (48 Stat. 341, U.S.C., 1940 ed., title 31, sec. 822a), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(c) The Secretary of the Treasury is directed to use \$1,800,000,000 of the fund established in this section to pay part of the subscription of the United States to the International Monetary Fund."

(b) The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to pay the balance of \$950,000,000 of the subscription of the United States to the Fund not provided for in subsection (a) and to pay the subscription of the United States to the Bank from time to time when payments are required to be made to the Bank. For the purpose of making these payments, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to use as a public-debt transaction not to exceed \$4,125,000,000 of the proceeds of any securities hereafter issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, and the purposes for which securities may be issued under that Act are extended to include such purpose. Payment under this subsection of the subscription of the United States to the Fund and repayments thereof, and payment under this subsection of the purchase price of shares of capital stock of the Bank and repayments thereof, shall be treated as public-debt transactions of the United States.

(c) For the purpose of keeping to a minimum the cost to the United States of participation in the Fund and the Bank, the Secretary of the Treasury after paying the subscription of the United States to the Fund, and any part of the subscription of the United States to the Bank required to be made under Article II, Section 7(i) of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank, is authorized and directed to issue special notes of the United States from time to time at par and to deliver such notes to the Fund and the Bank in exchange for dollars to the extent permitted by the respective Articles of Agreement. The special notes provided for in this subsection shall be issued under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Second Liberty Bond

Act are extended to include the purposes for which special notes are authorized and directed to be issued under this subsection, but such notes shall bear no interest, shall be non-negotiable and shall be payable on demand of the Fund or the Bank as the case may be. The face amount of special notes issued to the Fund under the authority of this subsection and outstanding at any one time shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount of the subscription of the United States actually paid to the Fund, and the face amount of such notes issued to the Bank and outstanding at any one time shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount actually paid to the Bank by the United States under Article II, Section 7(i) of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (b), any payment made to the United States by the Fund or the Bank as a distribution of net income or as a repayment of the subscription of the United States, shall be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.