

**QUARTERLY REPORT TO CONGRESS ON
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF U.S. PARTICIPATION
IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND**

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This report has been prepared in compliance with Section 504(b) of Appendix E, Title V of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2000¹. The report focuses exclusively on the financial implications of U.S. participation in the IMF and does not attempt to quantify the broad and substantial economic benefits to the United States and the global economy resulting from U.S. participation in the IMF.

As required, the report provides financial information on the net interest and valuation changes associated with U.S. participation in the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The broader context for the financial implications of U.S. participation in the IMF and the methodology used in deriving these figures is laid out in previous reports; the methodology is also summarized briefly in the footnotes attached to the tables. Reports under this provision are prepared quarterly and made available to the public on the Treasury website:
<http://www.treas.gov/press/reports.html>.

This report provides quarterly data for fiscal year 2002. It provides information on U.S. participation in the IMF's General Department as well as information related to U.S. holdings of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)² as part of its international reserves and the financial implications of U.S. participation in the SDR Department of the IMF.

Data on the net interest and valuation changes related to U.S. participation in the IMF's General Department during the third quarter of fiscal year 2002, ended June 30, 2002, are provided in Table 1. For comparison purposes, previously-reported data for the first and second quarters of the fiscal year are also provided. Similarly, data for net interest and valuation changes related to U.S. participation in the SDR Department of the IMF during the first three quarters of fiscal year 2002 are provided in Table 2. The attached footnotes explain the columns shown on each table and provide pertinent information and assumptions used in the calculations.

As shown in Table 1, for the third quarter of the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2001 (FY 2002), the financial implications of U.S. participation in the General Department reflected a net

¹ Section 504(b) of Appendix E, Title V of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2000, Public Law 106-113, 113 Stat. 1501A-317 requires that the Secretary of the Treasury prepare and transmit to the appropriate committees of the Congress a quarterly report on the costs or benefits of United States participation in the International Monetary Fund (IMF), detailing the costs or benefits to the United States, as well as valuation gains or losses on the United States' reserve position in the IMF.

² The SDR is an international reserve asset created by the IMF. The SDR is used as a unit of account by the IMF and other international organizations. Its value is determined as a weighted average of a basket of currencies -- the dollar, euro, pound sterling and yen. The SDR carries a market-based interest rate determined on the basis of a weighted average of interest rates on short-term instruments in the markets of the currencies included in the SDR valuation basket.

interest effect of positive \$15 million. The valuation changes for the third quarter were positive \$1,157 million.³

As shown in Table 2, for the third quarter of FY 2002, the net interest effect of U.S. participation in the SDR Department was positive \$3 million. Over the same period, the valuation changes on SDR holdings were positive \$315 million.⁴

Attachments

³ For an explanation of the methodology used in deriving these figures, see section on “Calculating the Financial Implications of U.S. Participation in the General Department” in the report prepared for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2000, submitted in December 2000 and available at <http://www.treas.gov/press/reports.html>.

⁴ For an explanation of the methodology used in deriving these figures, see section on “Calculating the Financial Implications of U.S. Participation in the SDR Department” in the report prepared for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2000, submitted in December 2000 and available at <http://www.treas.gov/press/reports.html>.

Table 1

**Net Interest and Valuation Changes Related to U.S. Participation in the General Department
in the IMF, U.S. Fiscal Year, Quarterly
(in millions of U.S. Dollars)**

<i>fiscal year ending 9/30</i>	Transactions with the IMF			Interest Calculations			Valuation Changes	Totals	
	Transactions Under U.S. Quota (Letter of Credit & Transfers of Reserve Assets, Cumulative)	U.S. Loans to IMF Under SFF, GAB, NAB (Cumulative)	Total U.S. Transactions with the IMF (Col 1+2)	Interest Associated with U.S. Transactions with the IMF	Remuneration Received by U.S. from IMF & Refund of Burden Sharing	Interest Received from IMF Under SFF, GAB, and NAB	Net Interest (Col. 4+5+6)	Valuation Changes on U.S. Reserve Position	Total (Col 7+8)
	Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col.5	Col.6	Col. 7	Col. 8	Col. 9
Q1 - 2002	-16,936	0	-16,936	-95	105	0	10	-467	-457
Q2 - 2002	-16,264	0	-16,264	-89	83	0	-6	-125	-131
Q3 - 2002	-17,889	0	-17,889	-87	103	0	15	1,157	1,172

Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

Footnotes to Columns in Table 1

Column 1: Total cumulative transactions under the U.S. Quota, including drawings by the IMF under the Letter of Credit (75% portion of the U.S. quota) and the transfers of reserve assets to the IMF (generally 25% of the U.S. quota).

Column 2: Total cumulative dollar funding through loans to the IMF made by the U.S. under the Supplementary Financing Facility (SFF, in 1980), the General Arrangements to Borrow (GAB, in FY1998) and the New Arrangements to Borrow (NAB, in FY1999). All U.S. loans under the three facilities/arrangements have been repaid.

Column 3: Total cumulative U.S. transactions with the Fund (horizontal summation of columns 1 and 2).

Column 4: Total interest associated with total cumulative transactions shown in column 3. This includes interest paid on additional public borrowing to fund day-to-day transactions under the Letter of Credit and occasional transfers under loan arrangements (SFF, GAB, NAB), as well as interest income foregone due to the transfer of reserve assets to the IMF at the time of a quota increase. In order to provide resources under the Letter of Credit or under loan arrangements, the Treasury borrows from the public via additional issuance in the Treasury market; average cost of funds is used as a proxy for calculating the associated interest cost. This portion of the total interest paid enters the U.S. budget as interest on the public debt. For purposes of calculating foregone interest on the transfer of reserve assets to the IMF, the SDR interest rate is used.

Column 5: The U.S. earns interest on the non-gold portion of its reserve position in the IMF. This interest is called remuneration and, in combination with an adjustment by the IMF related to burden-sharing, is paid by the IMF every quarter. If remuneration is paid in SDRs, it is paid to the Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) and the ESF transfers the dollar equivalent to the Treasury General Fund. It is recorded in the budget as an offsetting receipt from the public. If the United States took payment in dollars (which it does not now do) the payment would be in the form of a decrease in the U.S. Letter of Credit and a counterpart increase in the U.S. reserve position.

Column 6: These amounts constitute the interest payments the United States has received on its loans to the IMF under the SFF, GAB, and NAB.

Column 7: Total net interest paid, foregone or received as a result of U.S. participation in the General Department of the IMF.

Column 8: The U.S. reserve position in the IMF is denominated in SDRs. The valuation gain (if positive) or loss (if negative) refers to the exchange rate gain or loss on the reserve position due to changes in the dollar value of the SDR. For example, if the SDR appreciates/dollar depreciates, then the dollar value of the reserve position rises and a valuation gain is recorded. This column would also include valuation gains or losses experienced as a result of U.S. loans under SFF, GAB and NAB.

Column 9: The total of net interest and valuation changes, obtained by summing column 7 and column 8.

**Table 2 -- Net Interest and Valuation Changes Related to U.S. Participation in the SDR Department
in the IMF, U.S. Fiscal Year, Quarterly
(in millions of U.S. Dollars)**

<i>fiscal year ending 9/30</i>	Net SDR Holdings			Interest Calculations			Valuation Changes	Total
	<i>Dollar Value of SDR Holdings</i>	<i>Dollar Value of Cumulative SDR Allocation</i>	<i>Net SDR Holdings (Col. 1 - Col. 2)</i>	<i>Interest Earned (or Paid) on Net SDR Holdings</i>	<i>Interest Associated with Financing Cumulative U.S. SDR Transactions</i>	<i>Net Interest (Col. 4 + Col. 5)</i>	<i>Valuation Changes</i>	<i>Total (Col. 6 + Col. 7)</i>
	Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5	Col. 6	Col. 7	Col. 8
Q1-2002	10,783	6,157	4,626	26	-25	0	-115	-115
Q2-2002	10,809	6,109	4,700	27	-24	4	-36	-32
Q3-2002	11,645	6,519	5,127	30	-26	3	315	318

Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

Footnotes to Columns in Table 2

Column 1: Total stock of U.S. holdings of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) measured from end of period, converted into dollars at the fiscal year-end exchange rate. Source: IMF.

Column 2: Total stock of U.S. SDR allocations measured from end of period, converted into dollars at the fiscal year-end exchange rate. Changes in dollar value of SDR allocations reflect only exchange rate changes. Source: IMF.

Column 3: Total stock of U.S. SDR holdings minus allocations measured from end of period (Column 1 minus Column 2), converted into dollars at the fiscal year-end exchange rate.

Column 4: Net interest earned on SDR holdings. Derived by subtracting charges on SDR allocations (the SDR end-of-quarter interest rate times SDR allocations) from interest earned on SDR holdings (the SDR end-of-quarter interest rate times SDR holdings). All interest is calculated as compounding quarterly.

Column 5: Net effect on U.S. borrowing costs due to cumulative net SDR purchases or sales, using the simplifying assumption that transactions are carried out in dollars. Derived by multiplying the dollar equivalent of cumulative net SDR purchases by the average cost of funds rate. Interest is calculated on the basis of end-quarter holdings and compounded quarterly.

Column 6: Net Interest (Column 4 plus 5).

Column 7: Derived by subtracting the change in total SDR holdings from the change in the dollar equivalent of total SDR holdings (end-period to end-period) divided by the end-period SDR/dollar exchange rate. The valuation gain (if positive) or loss (if negative) refers to the exchange rate gain or loss on the reserve position due to changes in the dollar value of the SDR. For example, if the SDR appreciates/dollar depreciates, then the impact on the dollar value of U.S. holdings of SDRs is positive, and a valuation gain is recorded.

Column 8: The total net interest and valuation changes (sum of Columns 6 and 7).