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PROCEDURE FOR INSCRIPTION IN THE LIST OF SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. By Rule 23 (d) of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Board of Governors¹: *“No Governor may address the Board without having previously obtained the permission of the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The presiding officer may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.”* The following procedures are applied generally concerning the implementation of Rule 23.
2. Governors or other members of delegations who wish to speak on an item notify the Secretary of the Board of their intention to speak. A Secretariat staff member will also be present on the podium in the Boardroom each day from 9:30 a.m. until the Board meeting commences, to receive requests from delegations to be added to the list of speakers. After the meeting commences delegates wishing to speak should raise their flag to be recognized by the Secretary of the Board. The names of delegations are inscribed on a single list of speakers, maintained by the Secretary of the Board, in the order in which they have signified their wish to speak.
3. It may be noted that, in the course of debate on a particular item, delegations may signify an intention to speak more than once, including speaking in response to issues raised by other delegations during the debate. When two or more delegations simultaneously indicate from the floor an intention to speak, their names are inscribed in the order in which they are brought to the attention of the Secretary.
4. The established practice is to first call on delegations wishing to speak on behalf of regional groups on any specific item, followed by individual delegations, in the order in which their names are inscribed on the list of speakers.
5. Member States will appreciate that these guidelines cannot cover all contingencies and that special cases may arise from time to time. The Chairman will exercise flexibility where possible.

¹ GOV/INF/500/Rev.1