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1. From informal communications with donors, we hope that it will be possible to follow the IDA12 pattern, and conclude the thirteenth replenishment of IDA in four meetings scheduled over the course of 2001. With that as the initial operating assumption, following the initiating meeting in Paris, we would envisage: a second meeting in early June (May appears unavailable because of conflicting international meetings already fixed on the calendar); a third meeting immediately following the World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington; and a final meeting, probably in Europe, in November/December. HIPC Technical Meetings are envisaged preceding the first and last IDA13 meeting.

2. To help frame the discussion on our first morning in Paris on how the 13th IDA replenishment process might be structured, this note lays out a possible timeline beyond the initial Paris meeting (a draft agenda for this meeting was included in the first mailing). By its nature such an outline has to be preliminary: the actual issues on each meeting's agenda will much depend on Deputies' wishes and the outcome of the preceding meeting, as well as other, as yet unforeseen, external developments.

3. Second Meeting - possibly June 6-7 in African IDA Country

Topics might include:

- the Operations Evaluation Department (OED) IDA Review;
- Operational Implications of the PRSP process for IDA;
- IDA's Approach to Poor Performing Countries, including Post-Conflict Countries;
- Stocktaking on IDA12 Deliverables;
- IDA13 Lending Projections;
- IDA13 Financial and Funding Projections;
- ...

4. This second meeting might be a good occasion to consult with representatives from borrowing countries. At the time of the Mid-Term IDA review in Lisbon, Deputies discussed options for ensuring that appropriate account is taken of the perspectives of borrowing countries and civil society in the replenishment process. One suggestion was to hold at least one of the replenishment meetings in a borrowing country. Management is exploring the possibility to hold this second meeting in Addis Ababa. At the time of the Paris meeting, more details will be provided about the possible arrangements for this meeting, which would consist of two days of Deputies' discussions, preceded by a day of consultations between Deputies and representatives from countries in the region.

5. Third Meeting - possibly October 4-5 in Washington after the Annual Meeting

Topics might include:

- IDA Eligibility and Terms: Any Remaining Issues;
- IDA13 Resource Requirements and Burdensharing;
- Overall IDA13 Policy Framework and draft IDA13 Replenishment Report;
- ...

6. Fourth Meeting - possibly late Nov./Early Dec. in European donor country

Possible Topics:

- Any outstanding issues;
- Finalizing the Replenishment Agreement.

This two-day meeting should, like the first meeting, be preceded by a HIPC Technical Meeting.