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Note for CIML Members

Subject: Review of the contributory class of certain Member States

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that at its 40th Meeting in Lyon, the CIML adopted the following rule for the declassification of Member States' contributory classes:

"According to its Gross National Income per capita, a country may be declassified:

- *by one class for lower middle income countries whose Gross National Income per capita is greater than twice that of low income countries;*
- *by two classes for lower middle income countries whose Gross National Income per capita is lower than twice that of low income countries;*
- *by three classes for low income countries."*

The contributory class of a Member State will then result from:

- the application of the rules laid down in the OIML Convention,
- amended when applicable using the above rule.

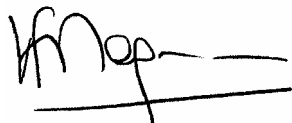
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These criteria would lead to the classification being modified for the six countries below:

Member State	Present class	Application of the rule	Comment (World Bank 2003 data)
Brazil	2	3	GNI per capita = 2 710 USD
Indonesia	1	2	GNI per capita = 810 USD
Rep. Korea	2	3	47.9 million inhabitants
Poland	1	2	GNI per capita = 5 270 USD
Saudi Arabia	1	2	22.5 million inhabitants
Spain	2	3	41.1 million inhabitants

You are kindly requested to send your comments on these cases to the BIML **before 29 July 2005** so that we can draw up a draft decision to be submitted by the CIML President for postal approval by the CIML.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.F. Magana', with a horizontal line underneath it.

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