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Republic of Belarus — IMF Staff Concludes Minsk Visit

An International Monetary Fund (IMF) staff team, led by David Hofman, visited Minsk during July 8–15, 2015, to discuss the authorities' policies and reform plans, and to explore if these can be supported by an IMF arrangement. The team had constructive discussions with the authorities about the recent progress made with policy implementation and planning in important areas—including structural reform. The team and the authorities have agreed to continue their dialogue on key substantive and technical issues that would need to be advanced to pave the way to a program. Provided that sufficient progress is made with this work, a formal program negotiation mission could be scheduled later in the year.