

**PRESS STATEMENT**  
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**Discussions between the Macedonian authorities and IMF staff**  
**IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington, DC, October 8-11**

- At the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington DC, the Macedonian delegation, led by Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister Zoran Stavreski, and the IMF staff team, led by Wes McGrew, held discussions on the new IMF facility called the Precautionary Credit Line (PCL), which might be beneficial for Macedonia.
- The PCL is designed for countries that have strong economic fundamentals and policies, and that do not have a current need to borrow from the IMF.
- The PCL provides a credit line of up to 500 percent of quota for the first year (almost € 400 million in the case of Macedonia).
- By providing Macedonia the right to draw on the credit line, the PCL would provide insurance against adverse external developments that could spill over to Macedonia and create the need for financial support.
- The IMF is looking forward to further discussions on a PCL for Macedonia.

For further background information on the PCL, please see:

- Factsheet on the PCL: <http://www.imf.org/external/np/exr/facts/pcl.htm>
- IMF Board Paper on the PCL: <http://www.imf.org/external/np/pp/eng/2010/082510.pdf>