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An IMF mission will visit Sofia during April 14-22 to hold regular consultations with Bulgaria. The mission will be headed by Mr. Bas Bakker, and consist of Mr. Peter Breuer, Ms. Jianping Zhou, Mr. Jerome Vandenbussche, and Mr. Gabriel Goddard (World Bank). Mr. Tonny Lybek, IMF's Regional Representative and Ms. Ana Mihaylova from the IMF's Sofia office will also participate in the meetings.

The purpose of the visit, which takes place every Spring, is to assess and discuss economic developments since the Article IV consultations in December.

The mission is expected to disseminate its conclusions in a press statement at the end of the mission.