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An IMF mission will visit Sofia during September 23 – October 4, 2010 to hold regular bilateral discussions on economic policies with the Bulgarian authorities.

The mission will be headed by Ms. Catriona Purfield, who has recently assumed mission chief responsibilities for Bulgaria. This will be Ms. Purfield's first visit to the country. Mr. Tonny Lybek, IMF's Regional Resident Representative in Bulgaria and Romania will participate in the meetings.

The mission will meet with officials from the Ministry of Finance, the Bulgarian National Bank, other governmental agencies, as well as representatives from the private sector, including banks and industry, unions, and non-government organizations.

The mission will issue a press release at the end of the mission.

See <http://www.imf.org/external/country/BGR/index.htm> for details, on the continued dialog between the Bulgarian authorities and the IMF.