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PRESS NOTICE

Mission Dates for the

Regular 2011 Article IV Consultations with Bulgaria

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Today, IMF's Regional Resident Representative in Bulgaria and Romania, Tonny Lybek, made the following statement:

"A mission from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will visit Sofia during the period May 10 – 20, 2011, to undertake the 2011 Article IV consultations, where the delegation will discuss economic developments and policies with the Bulgarian authorities. This is part of the IMF's surveillance under Article IV of the IMF's Articles of Agreement. The mission will be headed by Mrs. Catriona Purfield.

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

"The mission will disseminate its conclusions 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.