INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

LUXEMBOURG

Staff Report for the 2009 Article IV Consultation—Informational Annex

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(As of March 31, 2009)

- ***Mission***: March 19-31, 2009. The concluding statement of the mission is available at http://www.imf.org/external/np/ms/2009/033009.htm.

- ***Staff team***: Messrs. Odenius (Head), Daal, Oestreicher (all EUR), and Ms. Elliott (MCM).

- ***Country interlocutors included***: Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, Mr. Jeannot Krecké, Minister of the Economy and Foreign Trade; Mr. Mars Di Bartolomeo, Minister of Health and Social Security; Mr. François Biltgen, Minister of Labor and Employment; Mr. Yves Mersch, Governor, Central Bank of Luxembourg; Dr. Serge Allegrezza, Director, Statec, Mr. Jean Guill, Director of Treasury, Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Claude Simon, General Supervisor, Financial Sector Supervisory Commission. Mr. Johann Prader, IMF Alternate Executive Director also participated in the discussions. Outreach activities included meetings with parliament's crisis committee, members of parliament, and a press conference.

- ***Fund relations***: The previous Article IV consultation took place on April 26, 2006 (IMF Country Report No.06/164). The staff report and associated Executive Board's assessment are available at http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/scr/2006/cr06164.pdf.

- ***Data***: Luxembourg subscribes to the Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard, and data provision is adequate for surveillance (Annex II).

I. **Membership Status**: Joined: December 27, 1945; Article VIII

II. **General Resources Account**:	**SDR Million**	**Percent Quota**
Quota	279.10	100.00
Fund Holdings of Currency	243.04	87.08
Reserve position in Fund	36.10	12.93

III. **SDR Department**:	**SDR Million**	**Percent Allocation**
Net Cumulative Allocation	16.96	100.00
Holdings	13.46	79.40

IV. **Outstanding Purchases and Loans**: None

V. **Financial Arrangements**: None

VI. **Projected Payments to the Fund** (SDR million; based on existing use of resources and present holdings of SDRs):

	Forthcoming				
	2009	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**
Principal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charges/Interest	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Total	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02

VII. **Exchange Rate Arrangement**:

Luxembourg's currency is the euro, which floats freely and independently against other currencies. Luxembourg has accepted the obligations of Article VIII, Sections 2, 3, and 4, and maintains an exchange system free of restrictions on payments and transfers for current international transactions, other than restrictions notified to the Fund under Decision No. 144 (52/51).

ANNEX II. LUXEMBOURG: STATISTICAL ISSUES
(As of April 21, 2009)

I. Assessment of Data Adequacy for Surveillance

General: Data provision is adequate for surveillance. The Central Service for Statistics and Economic Studies (Statec) regularly publishes a full range of economic and financial data and provides an advance release calendar for main statistical releases at: http://www.statistiques.public.lu/fr/calendrier/index.html.

On-line access to Statec's databases and those of other jurisdictions is available to all users simultaneously at the time of release through the Statistics Portal of Luxembourg.

Key publicly accessible websites for macroeconomic data and analysis are:

Statistics Portal of Luxembourg...........http://www.statistiques.public.lu/fr/
Statec..http://www.statec.public.lu/fr/index.html
Central Bank of Luxembourg..............http://www.bcl.lu/en/index.php
Ministry of Finance..............................http://www.mf.public.lu/

National Accounts: Luxembourg avails itself of the SDDS special flexibility for the timeliness of the national accounts, and generally disseminates national accounts data not later than four months after the reference period (the SDDS timeliness requirement for the national accounts is three months). Reduction of the reporting lag would aid surveillance.

II. Data Standards and Quality

Subscriber to the Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) since May 12, 2006. Uses SDDS flexibility options on the timeliness of national accounts and analytical accounts of the central bank.	No data ROSC is available.

LUXEMBOURG: TABLE OF COMMON INDICATORS REQUIRED FOR SURVEILLANCE
(As of April 21, 2009)

	Date of Latest Observation	Date Received	Frequency of Data[7]	Frequency of Reporting[7]	Frequency of Publication[7]
Exchange Rates	04/21/09	04/21/09	D	D	D
International Reserve Assets and Reserve Liabilities of the Monetary Authorities[1]	February 09	03/30/09	M	M	M
Reserve/Base Money	February 09	03/30/09	M	M	M
Broad Money	February 09	03/30/09	M	M	M
Central Bank Balance Sheet	February 09	03/30/09	M	M	M
Consolidated Balance Sheet of the Banking System	February 09	03/30/09	M	M	M
Interest Rates[2]	04/21/09	04/21/09	D	D	D
Consumer Price Index	March 09	04/08/09	M	M	M
Revenue, Expenditure, Balance and Composition of Financing[3] – General Government[4]	2008	2008	A	A	A
Revenue, Expenditure, Balance and Composition of Financing[3]– Central Government	2008 Q4	04/01/09	Q	Q	Q
Stocks of Central Government and Central Government-Guaranteed Debt[5]	2008 Q4	04/01/09	Q	Q	Q
External Current Account Balance	2008 Q4	04/30/09	Q	Q	Q
Exports and Imports of Goods and Services	January 2009	04/02/09	M	M	M
GDP/GNP	2008 Q4	04/09/09	Q	Q	Q
Gross External Debt	2008 Q4	03/30/09	Q	Q	Q
International Investment Position[6]	2008 Q4	03/30/09	Q	Q	Q

[1] Including reserve assets that are pledged or otherwise encumbered.
[2] Both market-based and officially-determined, including discount rates, money market rates, rates on treasury bills, notes and bonds.
[3] Foreign, domestic bank, and domestic nonbank financing.
[4] The general government consists of the central government (budgetary funds, extra budgetary funds, and social security funds) and state and local governments.
[5] Including currency and maturity composition.
[6] Includes external gross financial asset and liability positions vis-à-vis nonresidents.
[7] Daily (D); weekly (W); monthly (M); quarterly (Q); annually (A); irregular (I); and not available (NA).