



THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Tsongas:

I understand that the House Banking Committee will meet January 23 to resume consideration of H.R. 9214, a bill to authorize United States participation in the Supplementary Financing Facility of the International Monetary Fund.

As Chairman of the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Policies, I transmitted a special report to the Congress last fall strongly recommending U.S. participation in the facility. Under Secretary Solomon also testified last September 20 before the Subcommittee on International Trade, Investment and Monetary Policy in support of this legislation.

Following the Committee's meeting on November 29, Chairman Reuss and Mr. Cavanaugh wrote to me posing a number of questions and issues concerning U.S. participation in the facility that have been raised by Committee members. I enclose our responses to these letters. I hope that they will also address any concerns that you might have regarding the Supplementary Financing Facility.

I believe that U.S. participation in the facility is of critical importance to the United States, and urge your support of H.R. 9214. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

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