

September 17, 1991

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

In view of the historic changes and opportunities in Europe and the Soviet Union, I have decided to establish a separate Region for Europe and the Soviet Union.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Wilfried Thalwitz to head this new Region. Mr. Thalwitz, a German national, joined the World Bank Group as a Young Professional in 1963. Thereafter, Mr. Thalwitz held the position of Economist in the Transportation Division of the Projects Department until 1968 when he transferred to the Resident Staff in Indonesia as a Senior Transport Economist. He returned to Headquarters in 1970 to take up an assignment as Division Chief in the Western Africa Department. In 1971 he was promoted to Deputy Director, Transportation Projects Department, and in 1972 to Director, Western Africa Projects Department. Mr. Thalwitz took a one-year sabbatical in 1976 to teach and do research at the Institute of Development Policy in Berlin, returning in 1977 to resume his duties as Director of the Western Africa Projects Department. He was promoted in 1984 to Vice President, West Africa Region. Mr. Thalwitz was appointed Vice President, Europe, Middle East and North Africa Region in 1987. He was promoted to Senior Vice President, Policy, Planning and Research in 1989.

Mr. Thalwitz' new appointment will be effective December 1, 1991.

Lewis T. Preston