

director of the IMF has participated in these sessions. These meetings represent important steps in the process of multilateral surveillance of their economies pursuant to the arrangements for strengthened economic policy cooperation and coordination agreed to at Tokyo.

The Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors agreed at their Paris meeting to refine the use of economic indicators for multilateral surveillance arrangements. These refinements include periodic reviews of medium-term economic objectives and projections involving domestic and external variables, and regular examination, using performance indicators of whether current economic developments are consistent with medium-term objectives and projections and whether there is a need to consider remedial action. Initially, the objectives and projections have involved the following key trade variables: growth, inflation, current accounts/trade balances, budget performance, monetary conditions and exchange rates.