Requested Disclosure of Board Records:  
Access to Information Consultation Memorandum 2017-7  
(Case Number AI5324)

1. **Notification:** The Executive Directors are hereby notified that the Board record noted in paragraph 2 of this consultation memorandum is responsive to a public request for access to certain records (Access to Information Case No. AI5324). The record has been identified by the Corporate Secretariat to be eligible for immediate declassification and disclosure under the Bank’s Policy on Access to Information (“AI Policy”).

2. **Type, Information Classification and Nature of the Board Record Requested:** This public request is for:

   - Chairman’s Summing-up of Board meeting of November 26, 1991 – Policy on Tobacco, dated December 10, 1991 (SecM91-1565).

The record has the information classification Official Use Only, contains information subject only to the “Deliberative Information” exception under the AI Policy, and has satisfied its applicable declassification schedule.

3. **Access to Information Policy Considerations:** Under the AI Policy, information restricted under the “Deliberative Information” exception is eligible for immediate declassification and disclosure in accordance with the AI Policy’s declassification schedule, if the documents concerned do not also contain or refer to restricted information not eligible for declassification.\(^1\) The declassification schedule for Chairman’s Summings-up of Board meetings prepared before January 1, 2002 is five years.\(^2\)

Because the requested Board record is restricted only under the “Deliberative Information” exception and satisfies its corresponding declassification schedule age requirements, it is eligible for immediate declassification and disclosure. The AI Policy provides that the Board may, under exceptional circumstances, exercise the Bank’s prerogative to restrict access to Board Records that would normally be disclosed, if it determines that the disclosure of the records would likely cause harm that would outweigh the benefits of the disclosure.\(^3\)

4. **Process:** Under procedures approved by the Board, this consultation memorandum is being submitted to Executive Directors so they have an opportunity to review and comment on the eligible Board record noted in paragraph 2.\(^4\) Management is also being consulted about the disclosure of this record. After the closing date for comments, if concerns/objections have not been expressed by an Executive Director or management, the record will be disclosed by management in accordance with

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\(^1\) See AI Policy, Section III.B.6(a) and (b).

\(^2\) See AI Policy, Section III.B.6(b)(i).

\(^3\) See AI Policy, Section IV.2(a).

the AI Policy. If concerns/objections from an Executive Director and/or management are received, this record will be submitted to COGAM, and subsequently to the Board, for further consideration.5

5. **Views of the Access to Information Committee:** Based on the AI Policy’s declassification schedule noted above and the Corporate Secretariat’s indication of the type, information classification and nature of the record at issue, it is the AIC’s view that the Board record noted in paragraph 2 above is eligible for immediate declassification and disclosure under the AI Policy.

6. **To Facilitate Executive Directors’ Review:** The requested Board record can be accessed through the link provided in paragraph 2 and through the EDs’ Portal under “Access to Information Requests”. Assistance can also be arranged through the Corporate Secretariat’s Board Resource Center (brc@worldbank.org).

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5 Id at 5(A)(ii)-(iii).