

## **Capital Stock and Voting Power**

### **Capital stock**

Capital stock consists of “paid-in” and “callable” shares. The subscribed “paid-in” capital stock has been paid in gold and/or United States dollars and in the currency of the respective member, which in some cases has been made freely convertible, in accordance with the terms for the respective increase in capital. Non-negotiable, non-interest-bearing demand obligations have been accepted in lieu of the immediate payment of all or any part of the member’s subscribed “paid-in” capital stock. The subscribed “callable” portion of capital may only be called when required to meet obligations of the Bank created by borrowings of funds for inclusion in the Ordinary Capital resources or guarantees chargeable to such resources and is payable at the option of the member either in gold, in United States dollars, in the currency of the member country, or in the currency required to discharge the obligations of the Bank for the purpose for which the call is made.

### **Voting power**

Under the Agreement, each member country shall have 135 votes plus one vote for each share of the Bank held by that country. The Agreement, as amended by the Eighth General Increase in the Resources of the Inter-American Development Bank, also provides that no increase in the capital stock subscription of any member shall have the effect of reducing the voting power of the regional developing members below 50.005%, of the United States below 30%, and of Canada below 4% of the total voting power, leaving the remaining voting power available for nonregional members at a maximum of 15.995%, including approximately 5% for Japan