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Press Release

**Banco de México modifies its Monetary Policy Communication Strategy**

A fundamental element to the effectiveness of the inflation-targeting regime adopted by Banco de México since 2001 as a framework for conducting monetary policy is the implementation of a clear and transparent communication strategy with the public. For several years, Banco de México has made significant efforts to improve this strategy, as well as to strengthen the Institution's autonomy through greater accountability measures.

Banco de México has different communication tools to inform on its objectives, forecasts and monetary policy decisions. For a central bank, transparency is essential to generate confidence and credibility in the Institution and to comply with its constitutional mandate of seeking price stability. Among these tools are monetary policy statements, minutes on the monetary policy decisions, quarterly reports, and presentations and speeches by the Governing Board.

In this context, and as part of the endeavors made by Banco de México in terms of transparency and accountability, the Governing Board has agreed to modify several elements of the central bank's monetary policy communication strategy in order to continue improving its communication with the public. With these actions, Banco de México continues its efforts to adopt the best international practices.

The modifications agreed upon by the Governing Board as well as their purpose, effective period, and some considerations for their implementation, are described below.

**MODIFICATIONS**

**1. The Minutes on the Monetary Policy Decision will include the voter's identity. If there are dissenting opinions in the voting, the reasons for such dissents will be included as well.**

These modifications will contribute to increase the transparency and accountability mechanisms of all members of the Governing Board, both as individuals and as part of the central bank's collegiate body. They will also provide the public with more information regarding all the elements considered in the monetary policy decision.

For its implementation, an additional section ("Voting") will be added to the Minutes on the monetary policy decision, which will include the names of the members who voted in favor of the decision adopted by the Governing Board, as well as the names and an additional paragraph for each member who has voted differently, explaining the reasons for their vote. This change will take effect with the Minutes on the monetary policy decision of May 17, 2018.

**2. The transcripts of the Governing Board's meetings involving monetary policy decisions will be available to the public three years after the corresponding meeting has taken place.**

This will add an additional element to Banco de México's transparency efforts to both improving the understanding on the monetary policy actions and to strengthening the Governing Board's accountability mechanisms, while also contributing to the historical narrative of the country's economy.

These transcripts will be published on Banco de México's website with a three-year lag, so the first transcripts that will be available to the public through this mechanism, corresponding to the May 2018 meeting, will be published on May 2021.

**3. The Monetary Policy Decision Press Release (Monetary Policy Statement), as well as the corresponding Minutes, will be published simultaneously in both Spanish and English.**

These actions, which seek to broaden the scope of the messages included in these documents to non-Spanish speakers, will facilitate their interpretation so it is more consistent with Banco de México's message.

The Spanish and English versions of these communications will be published simultaneously on Banco de México's website, on the corresponding dates. It is important to emphasize that the press release and the minutes published in the official language (Spanish) will prevail over the English translations. This change will take effect as of the monetary policy statement of May 17, 2018.

**4. The speeches and public presentations of the members of the Governing Board will also be published. These materials will be available to the public on Banco de México's website no later than two days after the event.**