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Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration

ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE 2001 BUDGET AND ADVANCE TO THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND: ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA TO THE WTO

Note by the Director-General

1. In view of the accession to the WTO of Lithuania on 31 May 2001 (document WT/Let/393), it is proposed that a *pro rata* contribution to the 2001 budget amounting to CHF 67,790 be assessed on this Government. This assessment, calculated as from 31 May 2001, is based on an annual contribution of 0.087 per cent, taking into account the international trade figures (imports plus exports in goods, services and intellectual property rights) of Lithuania for the years 1996-1998.
2. In conformity with the WTO Financial Regulations governing the use of the Working Capital Fund, any government acceding to the WTO shall make an advance to the Fund in accordance with the scale of contributions applicable to the budget for the year of its accession. The minimum advance to the Working Capital Fund amounts to 0.5 per cent of the principal of the Fund for countries or separate customs territories whose share of the total trade of Members is 0.5 per cent or less. Such advances shall be carried to the credit of the Members which have made them.
3. On the basis of the level of the Working Capital of CHF 8,106,085 it is proposed to assess an amount of CHF 40,530 on the Government of Lithuania as an advance to the Fund.

POINTS FOR DECISION: Paragraph 1
Paragraph 3