

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Technical Cooperation Audit

In the light of critical additional demands on the Organization in the area of technical assistance, and in response to views expressed by many Members, especially those making voluntary contributions for technical assistance programmes, I have established a new function of Technical Cooperation Audit.

The responsibility of the unit charged with this function is to ensure that the very significant financial and human resources engaged in WTO-administered technical assistance and training programmes are used to optimum effect. In particular it is important to be sure that our programmes engender the kinds of skills in beneficiary countries that these Members and candidates for accession need in order to be effective participants in the WTO system. We will thereby reassure donors that their contributions are being put to the best possible use.

I have decided to entrust the important responsibility of Director, Technical Cooperation Audit, to Mr. Paul Rolian, one of the senior directors in the Secretariat, who was previously dealing with personnel matters. Mr. Rolian will report to Deputy Director-General Ravier.

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