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ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE 1996 BUDGET
AND ADVANCE TO THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND:
ACCESSION OF FIJI TO THE WTO

Note by the Director-General

1. Upon the accession to the WTO of Fiji on 14 January 1996 (document WT/Let/47), it is proposed that a pro rata contribution to the 1996 budget amounting to Sw F 32,779 be assessed on this Government. This assessment, calculated as from 14 January 1996, is based on an annual contribution of 0.03 per cent, taking into account the international trade figures (imports plus exports in goods, services and intellectual property rights) of Fiji for the years 1991-1993.
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 Fund of Sw F 6,476,892 on 14 January 1996, it is proposed to assess an amount of Sw F 32,384 on the Government of Fiji as an advance to the Fund.

POINTS FOR DECISION: Paragraph 1
Paragraph 3