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SECOND REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

Admission of New Member Nations¹

1. In conformity with the provisions of Rule XIX of the General Rules of the Organization, the following Applications for Membership had been received by the deadline of 9 October 1991:

- Estonia
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- South Africa
- Puerto Rico (Associate Member)

2. Under Article II-2 of the Constitution, the Conference decides on the admission of additional Member Nations by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast provided that a majority of the Member Nations of the Organization is present. "Votes cast" means votes for and against, and does not include abstentions or defective ballots (Rule XII-4(a) GRO). Membership becomes effective on the date upon which the Conference approves the application.

3. The application for admission by South Africa was discussed by the Committee. The Committee recommends, that no action should be taken on the application of South Africa at this time, but that the Conference decide to place this matter on the Provisional Agenda of the Twenty-seventh Session of the Conference, November 1993.

4. With respect to the other applications, the Committee recommends that the Conference hold the vote for the admission of these countries at the plenary meeting on Monday 11 November. The result of the vote will be announced at the same meeting and the ceremony for installing the new Members will take place immediately afterwards. As is customary, the Chairman will welcome the new Members and each of them may make a brief statement. In order to gain time, the Committee also recommends that only one country respond on behalf of each region.

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Contributions of New Member Nations

5. In accordance with Regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations, the Conference determines the amount of the contribution to be paid by newly admitted Member Nations, beginning with the quarter in which the application is approved.

6. According to the established principles and customs, the minimum contribution due from these new members for the last quarter of 1991 and the advance to be made to the Working Capital Fund are:

<u>Nation</u>	<u>Contribution Last Quarter</u>	<u>Working Capital Fund Advance</u>
Estonia*	US\$ 6 960	US\$ 2 000
Latvia*	6 960	2 000
Lithuania*	6 960	2 000
Puerto Rico	4 176	-

* Contribution for last quarter and advance to the Working Capital Fund based on the assumption that the assessment rate for these nations is 0.01 percent. This is subject to revision pending receipt of information from the UN Committee on Contributions.

Statements by Heads of Delegations (General Discussion)

7. The Committee noted with satisfaction that the list of speakers scheduled under the General Discussion each day would be published in the Journal of the Conference. The Committee agreed that precedence would be given to Ministers and heads of delegations of Member Nations over speakers from observer delegations and other organizations.