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Formation eventuelle d'un groupe de vote de la Suisse avec les pays baltes - Institutions de Bretton Woods

D'entente avec le Departement federal des finances, nous vous remettons ci-dessous le texte d'un aide-memoire que nous vous prions de bien vouloir transmettre, sous la forme appropriee, a vos interlocuteurs de chacun des pays baltes. Suite aux contacts que le Chef du departement a eus recemment a Moscou dans le cadre de la CSCE, le meme texte est remis aux delegations baltes par notre delegation a la CSCE. Il ne convient pas, a ce stade, d'entrer dans les details, mais d'emettre un signal en vue de l'amorce prochaine d'un dialogue sur la question de la formation d'un groupe de vote avec ces pays lorsque ces derniers adhereront aux Institutions de Bretton Woods:

Quote

Aide-memoire

In June, 1990, Switzerland applied for membership in the Bretton woods Institutions. In spring, 1991, the Governors of both the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank accepted the Swiss application. Switzerland was granted a quota at the IMF of SDR 1,7 billion. The Swiss Parliament is currently debating the ratification of this agreement. A period of three months for facultative referendum in accordance with the Swiss Constitution will expire in December of this year. In case no referendum is asked for, the ratification will then take place. Swiss membership is expected to become effective in summer, 1992.

Owing to the level of its quota, Switzerland intends to set up a new constituency to be formed out of like-minded countries, with a view to electing a Director at the executive boards of both the IMF and the World Bank. As Switzerland does not wish to question the status of present constituency memberships, it hopes to convince a number of countries of the opportunity of joining in the creation of a 23rd seat in the said executive boards.

The Swiss Authorities would be interested in having in the course



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of the coming weeks exploratory talks with the Authorities of the Baltic States in order to ascertain their intentions with respect to membership in the Bretton Woods Institutions and to a possible cooperation in view of a common constituency for the election of executive directors and their alternates.

The Swiss Authorities would stand ready, at the same time, to explore the possible areas in the monetary and in the financial field (organization of a Central Bank, development of a financial sector) in which Switzerland could assist the Baltic States to achieve their national objectives.

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Nous vous remercions d'avance de nous signaler toute reaction et information que vous obtiendrez de vos interlocuteurs.
salutations. Lautenberg.

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