

appoint, the CPB head. Finally, a survey of public opinion on corruption will be piloted and implemented.

23. We are committed to maintaining our liberal trade regime and remain in line with EU requirements and WTO rules and agreements. The simple average MFN tariff has been reduced to below 5 percent and legislation that will eliminate the MFN rate of 0.5 percent, applied to some industrial goods, will become effective on January 1, 2002.

24. We believe that the policies described above will help ensure that Latvia enjoys sustainable economic growth over the medium-term and facilitate the process of acceding to the EU. We are prepared to implement any additional measures deemed necessary to meet these goals.