

**STATEMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CZECH  
REPUBLIC ON THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION DOCUMENT FROM 30TH  
JANUARY 2002 ON EU ENLARGEMENT BUDGET ASPECTS.  
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs did not have until now the opportunity to proceed to a detailed evaluation of this comprehensive document, submitted by the European Commission to candidate countries for discussion. We will be able to give a reliable statement only after profound study of the document.

We can express a preliminary general opinion that the amount of financial resources, proposed for the new member countries, especially for the period immediately after their entry into the EU, is not sufficient. The EU enlargement financial aspects, particularly with regard to the chapters of agriculture, regional policy, financial and budget regulations, will for sure require detailed negotiations in the framework of the accession conference between EU countries and the Czech Republic. The goal should be to find a comprehensive solution, which will, in its consequences, ensure to Czech entities, mainly agricultural, a competitive position in the relations to their partners in other EU countries. Such solution can on one hand take into account economical arguments such as the height of the price level or the absorption capabilities, on the other hand - in the same logic - it must consider the different characteristics of an economy, that underwent a transformation. Especially we take in mind the negotiations of the agricultural production quotas, as well as the resources for the countryside development.

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