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ASSESSMENT

Object	Special assessment of the note sent by Mr Paul van Buitenen on the 31 st August 2001
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I. INTRODUCTION

I.1. Background

On 23 October 2001, this Unit was formally invited by the Director-General of OLAF to carry out an assessment of a note dated 31 August 2001 and annexes (hereafter referred to as 'the note') submitted by Mr Paul van Buitenen. The assessment is submitted to the Director General of OLAF on 31 January 2002, as requested.

The form of our assessment is as follows:

- Part 1: introduction, background and methodology of assessment
- Part 2: assessment and analysis of the allegations
- Part 3: proposals and recommendations

The object of this assessment is to advise whether any action should be taken by OLAF. It does not in itself constitute an investigation. The methodology is explained below.