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DRAFT AMENDMENT (No. 29) TO THE TARIFF OF HARBOUR AND LIGHT DUES (P.185/2004): COMMENTS

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by the Finance and Economics Committee**

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COMMENTS

The Finance and Economics Committee supports the increases of 4.3% in dues for arriving and departing passengers and vehicles proposed by the Harbours and Airport Committee on the basis that the increase above the cap laid down in the Anti- Inflation Strategy of 2.5% is a direct result of increased costs arising from the States approval of P.144/2003 which introduced the International Port and Security Code.

The Committee is strongly committed to enforcing the States Anti-Inflation Strategy and in particular to rigorously opposing increases of over 2.5% to charges for services provided by States Departments, except in exceptional cases.

However the Committee believes that the increases to dues for leisure moorings and spaces proposed of 5.3% is just such an exceptional case. The Committee believes that it is important that the users of Marinas and moorings do not receive a service subsidised by commercial users of the Harbour or the taxpayer as currently occurs and on that basis supports the increases proposed by the Harbours and Airport Committee.