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## **SWITZERLAND'S NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE XXIV:6(a) (GPA/W/225)**

### Communication from Hong Kong, China

The following communication, dated 10 January 2003, has been received from the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office with the request that it be circulated to the Committee on Government Procurement.

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On 12 December 2002, Switzerland notified certain proposed modifications to its Appendix I to the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) in GPA/W/225. The proposed modifications include the addition of a new point 3 in Annex 2 to Appendix I and a new point under paragraph 1 of the General Notes in Appendix I.

Hong Kong, China is concerned that the proposed modifications are not of a purely formal or minor nature as referred to in Article XXIV:6(a) of the GPA.

Hong Kong, China has reservations on proposed modifications that have discriminatory effect having regard to Article XXIV:7(c) of the GPA. Hong Kong, China will respond positively to requests for consultations with any party concerned with a view to resolving this matter satisfactorily.

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