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**PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO APPENDIX I OF ISRAEL UNDER THE REVISED
AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT**

**COMMUNICATION FROM ISRAEL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIX:¹ OF THE REVISED AGREEMENT ON
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT**

The following communication, dated 10 April 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Israel.

1. Pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of Article XIX of the revised Agreement on Government Procurement (hereinafter "the revised Agreement"), Israel hereby notifies the Committee on Government Procurement of the following modifications of a purely formal or minor nature relating to its Appendix I of the revised Agreement:

- a. Rename the entity "Ministry of National Infrastructures excluding Fuel Authority" to "Ministry of National Infrastructures, Energy and Water Resources excluding Fuel Authority";
- b. Rename the entity "Ministry of the Environment" to "Ministry of Environmental Protection";
- c. Rename the entity "Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labour" to "Ministry of Economy";
- d. Rename the entity "Ministry of Social Affairs" to "Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Services";
- e. Rename the entity "Ministry of Science and Technology" to "Ministry of Science, Technology and Space";
- f. Rename the entity "Ministry of Transport" to "Ministry of Transport and Road Safety";
- g. Replace the entity "Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport" with the entities "Ministry of Education" and "Ministry of Culture and Sport";
- h. Delete the entity "Small and Medium Business Agency";
- i. Rename the services sector CPC Prov. 864 "Market research and public opinion" to "Market research and public opinion polling services"; and

¹ Article XIX:1 reads as follows: *Notification of Proposed Modification* A Party shall notify the Committee of any proposed rectification, transfer of an entity from one annex to another, withdrawal of an entity or other modification of its annexes to Appendix I (any of which is hereinafter referred to as "modification"). The Party proposing the modification (hereinafter referred to as "modifying Party") shall include in the notification: (a) for any proposed withdrawal of an entity from its annexes to Appendix I in exercise of its rights on the grounds that government control or influence over the entity's covered procurement has been effectively eliminated, evidence of such elimination; or (b) for any other proposed modification, information as to the likely consequences of the change for the mutually agreed coverage provided for in this Agreement.

- j. Incorporate a number of formatting and presentational changes needed to reflect new document formats that have been proposed by the WTO Secretariat.

N.B.: items 1 a. to g. have also been proposed in respect of the 1994 Agreement on Government Procurement (see GPA/MOD/ISR/12 of 11 April 2014).

2. The above modifications are the result of the following:

- a. The rectification of the name of "Ministry of National Infrastructures excluding Fuel Authority";
- b. The rectification of the name of "Ministry of the Environment";
- c. The rectification of the name of "Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labour";
- d. The rectification of the name of "Ministry of Social Affairs";
- e. The rectification of the name of "Ministry of Science and Technology";
- f. The rectification of the name of "Ministry of Transport";
- g. The "Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport" was divided into two independent offices "Ministry of Education" and "Ministry of Culture and Sport", the aggregate scope of all functions, including procurement functions is with no change; and
- h. Government decision 2190 dated 12.08.2007 determined that "Small and Medium Business Agency" would be integrated into the "Ministry of Economy" (then "Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labour") which is listed in Annex 1 of Appendix I of the Agreement.

3. The above modifications do not alter the level of mutually agreed coverage provided in the revised Agreement.

4. Attachment A to this document shows (in bold and strikeout or underlining) the proposed modifications by Israel to its Annexes to Appendix I. Attachment B indicates how Israel's Annexes to Appendix I would appear after the proposed modifications have been accepted.²

² Attachments A and B are in English only.

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