SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT; PREPARATIONS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS FORESEEN IN ARTICLE IX:6(b)

1. AT ITS LAST MEETING THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AGREED THAT PARTIES BE INVITED TO SUPPLY CERTAIN INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS FORESEEN IN ARTICLE IX:6(b) OF THE AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS DID NOT PREJUDICE DELEGATIONS' SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATING POSITIONS.

2. PARTIES WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO ARE THEREFORE INVITED TO SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING, TO BE HELD ON 25-27 MAY 1983:

(a) ENTITY COVERAGE

(i) LISTS OF ENTITIES UNDER THEIR DIRECT OR SUBSTANTIAL CONTROL IN TERMS OF ARTICLE 1:1(c), WHICH ARE NOT PRESENTLY COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT;

(ii) DATA, EXPRESSED IN SDR, ON TOTAL PROCUREMENT MADE BY EACH SUCH ENTITY IN A RECENT YEAR. IF PRECISE FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE APPROXIMATE FIGURES OR ESTIMATES SHOULD BE SUPPLIED.

ENTITIES WHOSE PURCHASES IN THE PERIOD CHOSEN FELL BELOW A CERTAIN AMOUNT, FOR INSTANCE THE THRESHOLD OF THE AGREEMENT AT SDR 150,000, MAY BE EXCLUDED BY PARTIES WHO SO WISH. IT IS SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT ENTITIES WHOSE PROCUREMENT NORMALLY EXCEED SUCH AN AMOUNT BE INCLUDED EVEN IF IN THE PERIOD CHOSEN THEIR PROCUREMENT WAS OF A LESSER VALUE.

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE CIRCULATED THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TO ALL THE OTHER PARTIES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY THE PARTY PROVIDING THE INFORMATION.

(b) SERVICE CONTRACTS

IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICES THAT ARE TRADED OR ARE TRADEABLE INTERNATIONALLY AND ACQUIRED BY GOVERNMENTS.

(c) LEASING

INFORMATION ON GOVERNMENTS' PRACTICES WITH REGARD TO LEASING AND SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS.

3. PARTIES ARE ALSO INVITED TO SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON 2-4 NOVEMBER 1983:

(a) SERVICE CONTRACTS

STATISTICAL DATA, OR ESTIMATES, INDICATING THE TOTAL VALUES OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF SERVICES ACQUIRED BY GOVERNMENTS, WITHOUT BREAK-DOWNS OF ENTITIES' INDIVIDUAL PURCHASES.
(b) **LEASING**

Statistical data, or estimates, on the overall value of products leased by entities covered by the agreement, if possible broken down on product categories. Parties who so wish might also provide information on leasing made by entities not presently covered by the agreement.

(c) **SPECIFIC DEROGATIONS**

The Committee also agreed to start gathering information on the use of specific derogations with a view to discussing such data as early as possible. It is therefore suggested that parties make their best efforts to submit information prior to the meeting of November 1983 or, if this is not possible, the first meeting in 1984, on the volume and value of purchases as well as the types of products purchased by entities covered by the agreement during 1981 which were excluded from the coverage of the agreement by virtue of a derogation.

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