WORKSHOP ON THE WTO AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GPA)
GENEVA, 10 TO 12 JULY 2007

BREAKOUT SESSION 2 (SCOPE AND COVERAGE)

TASKS

1. Describe the overall structure of Appendix I.

2. Identify potential market access opportunities for your countries from the Annex 1 coverage of the following GPA Parties: Canada, the EC, Japan, Korea and the US. Which entities are of particular interest?

3. Briefly describe the Annex 2 coverage of the following GPA Parties: Canada, the EC, Japan, Korea and the US. Which of these has the most extensive / the least extensive coverage at this level? On what basis did you reach this conclusion?

4. What types of entities are most commonly listed in Annex 3? Consider the cases of Canada, the EC, Japan, Korea and the US.

5. Briefly describe the Annex 4 coverage of the following GPA Parties: Canada, the EC, Japan, Korea and the US. Indicate whether positive and/or negative lists are used.

6. Discuss the thresholds set out in the GPA in relation to those of your domestic legislation. Given the two sets of thresholds, to what extent are procurement opportunities governed by your current domestic legislation already open to GPA Parties?

7. What special protections are available for small and/or minority businesses from the following GPA Parties: Canada, the EC, Japan, Korea and the US. Do any other Parties have exceptions for other domestic policy objectives/programmes, e.g. human feeding programmes or cooperatives?

8. In regard to Annex 5 coverage, which of the following have the highest/the lowest thresholds: Canada, the EC, Japan, Korea and the US? What purpose is served by having a higher threshold?

9. Describe the offset regime of Israel. Could a similar approach be of interest to your economy?