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

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

TASKS

1 Briefly describe the main elements of the government procurement processes and practices in your country or economy.

2 Does your domestic procurement regime achieve an effective balance in terms of:
   a) ensuring economic efficiency and providing value for money?
   b) supporting developmental and domestic priorities and objectives?
   c) ensuring fair competition and transparency for all participants, including both domestic and foreign participants?

3 If so, how is this achieved? If not, what would be your advice to your government, as a policy expert in this area, to achieve an appropriate balance?

4 In what way is your domestic legislation consistent with, or divergent from, the GPA, having regard to the following aspects of that Agreement:
   a) national treatment and non-discrimination?
   b) the provisions on transparency and tendering procedures?

5 Is your government currently contemplating or implementing reforms to the procurement regime?
   a) If so, what are the main elements of these reforms? Briefly describe what challenges, if any, have been encountered, their nature, and how they have been or are being resolved.
   b) If not, what, if any, reforms do you personally think would be desirable? What challenges might you anticipate, and how would you address these?