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THE THRESHOLD IN ARTICLE I:1(b) OF THE AGREEMENT AS EXPRESSED IN NATIONAL CURRENCIES FOR 1985

At its first meeting held on 15 January 1981, the Committee on Government Procurement decided that the Parties to the Agreement should notify without delay the method and result of their calculation of the threshold of SDR 150,000 contained in Article I:1(b) of the Agreement, in terms of their national currencies (GPR/M/1, paragraph 41 and Annex IV).

The present document reproduces notifications from eight Parties. Information from other Parties will be compiled in addenda to this document.

CANADA

The Canadian threshold level for 1985 is Can\$199,000, the same value as in 1984.

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

As decided by the Committee on Government Procurement at its first meeting, held on 15 January 1981, each Party calculates and notifies to the Committee the national currency equivalent of the minimum value referred to in Article I of the Agreement.

The new value applicable as from 1 January 1985 has been fixed at ECU 193,000 and will be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities before the end of 1984.

The calculations have been made in accordance with the method described in document GPR/7 of 10 March 1981 by taking the average of daily values of the ECU in terms of the SDR over the period 1 November 1983 to 31 October 1984 which was SDR 0.777250 = ECU 1. This gave a figure of ECU 192,988 which was rounded for administrative convenience to ECU 193,000.

The precise values corresponding to this amount of ECU 193,000, fixed by the member States of the European Community in their national currencies, will be notified to the Committee in the near future.

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FINLAND

The threshold value in Finnish marks for purchases under the Agreement on Government Procurement for Finland in 1985 is FIM 916,000.

HONG KONG, United Kingdom on behalf of

The Hong Kong dollar (HK\$) equivalent of the threshold of SDR 150,000 averaged over the twelve-month period preceding 1 November 1984 was HK\$1,212,000. Accordingly, this figure will be the threshold value to be applied for the period 1 January to 31 December 1985.

SINGAPORE

The threshold equivalent of SDR 150,000 in Singapore dollars for the period 1 April 1985 to 31 March 1986 will be S\$331,470.

SWEDEN

In Sweden the threshold value for 1985 has been determined to SEK 1,263,000. The basis for the calculation has been the daily values of the Swedish kronor in terms of the SDR during the period 1 November 1983 to 31 October 1984.

SWITZERLAND

For 1985 and provided there are no major variations in exchange rates, the threshold mentioned in Article I:1(b) of the Agreement will be Sw F 355,000. The basis for this calculation has been the average of the daily SDR/Sw F rates over the period 1 November 1983 to 31 October 1984.

UNITED STATES

The 1985 threshold value is US\$ 156,000.