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Communication from the Delegation of Norway

The following notification has been communicated by letter of 19 June 1985.

With reference to the statements made by Norway at the meetings of the Committee on Government Procurement on 15 November 1984, 13 February 1985 and 2 May 1985, the Norwegian delegation has the honour to notify the Committee of its proposal to replace the Central Government Purchasing Office with the National Railways as concerns the latter's procurements of the following products:

- concrete sleepers
- brake details for rolling stock
- spare parts for railway track machines
- autodiesel
- cars and vans for railway services.

The Procurements of the Central Government Purchasing Office were in 1982 (the last year of statistics above threshold) SDR 24.4 million of which SDR 15.2 million (60 per cent) was above threshold. In 1981 above threshold purchases were SDR 13.3 million.

In 1983-84 the Procurements by the National Railway of the above-mentioned products were annually SDR 19.0 million, of which SDR 18.1 million (95 per cent) was above threshold.

This compensatory adjustment is proposed because it will maintain a comparable level of coverage above threshold. As stated by Norway at the Committee's meeting on 2 May 1985, the procurement level in question for compensation is in a Norwegian context considerable, given the small size of Norwegian entities. A selection of several small entities would lead to a high proportion of below-threshold purchases and, for some entities, only occasional purchases above-threshold. Therefore, the proposal in this notification is presented in order to maintain Norway's above-threshold coverage.

As agreed by the Committee at its last meeting the proposed modification and compensatory adjustment will be deemed agreed upon provided no objections are received by 19 July 1985, i.e. thirty days after this written notification.