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COMMUNICATION FROM THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES

Expedited Procedure with a View to the Rights and Obligations of the Agreement on Government Procurement becoming Applicable to Portugal

The following communication from the Delegation of the United States, dated 15 October 1992, has been received by the GATT secretariat with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Committee on Government Procurement.

"At the Committee meeting of 6 October 1992, parties agreed to an expedited procedure for applying the Agreement with respect to Portugal. Each Party was given ten days to object; if no objection is received, parties have sixty days to apply the Agreement unless national implementing measures require additional time. The United States is still examining the extent to which Portugal's coverage under the Agreement is affected by the fact that the European Communities did not include the Ministry of Sea on its entity list. For this reason, the United States objects to the use of the expedited procedure at this time."