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ARUBA: REQUEST FOR ACCESSION

Communication from the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands

Revision

The following communication from the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, dated 24 February 1993, has been received by the GATT secretariat with the request that it be circulated to the Signatories of the Agreement on Government Procurement.

This communication replaces the earlier one on the same subject, contained in document GPR/W/122, dated 12 January 1993.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba has the honour to inform the Committee on Government Procurement that it is interested to accede to the Agreement on Government Procurement, 1988.

Aruba is a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, but enjoys an autonomous status under the Statute of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as modified in 1986. Aruba does not form part of the European territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Kingdom of the Netherlands is a member state of the European Economic Community, but the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community applies fully only with respect to its territory in Europe. Aruba is considered as an overseas country or Territory of a member state in the sense of Article 227, paragraph 3 of the Treaty of Rome, 1957. The relations between Aruba and the European Economic Community are governed by Part IV of the Treaty of Rome and Decisions by the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community in the application thereof.

When the European Economic Community acceded to the Agreement on Government Procurement, it did so only with respect to the European part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The present request for accession only applies to the Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba. Annexed is its offer for the list of central government entities in Aruba which would procure in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

In view of the advanced stage of the negotiations on a new Agreement on Government Procurement, the Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba also expresses its interest to accede to that Agreement. This interest is reflected in the offer.

ANNEX

Central Government Entities which procure in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement on Government Procurement, 1988.

Name of Country: The Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba

1. Ministry of General Affairs
2. Ministry of Public Works and Health
3. Ministry of Transport and Communication
4. Ministry of Welfare
5. Ministry of Justice and Sport
6. Ministry of Finance
7. Ministry of Economic Affairs