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Communication from the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

The following communication from the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, dated 3 September 1993, has been received by the GATT secretariat with the request that it be circulated to the Signatories to the Agreement on Government Procurement.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba put forward the request for accession to the Agreement on Government Procurement, 1988 (document GPR/W/122/Rev.1, 4 March 1993).

The Committee on Government Procurement at its formal meeting on 29 March 1993 welcomed the application for accession and took note of the offer by the Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba to engage in bilateral consultations with interested delegations.

Since up till now no request for such consultations has been received, the Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba renews its offer to provide further clarifications etc. if so requested by other delegations.

In the absence of any reaction on the application for accession it is assumed that in its next formal meeting the Committee could decide upon the above application.

In that context, the Kingdom of the Netherlands proposes that the next meeting of the Committee be held as soon as is feasible, if possible as early as in the week of 4 October 1993. The delegation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands would welcome any reaction to this proposal.