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MODIFICATION OF ANNEX I TO THE AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, AS REGARDS ENTITIES COVERED ACCORDING TO ARTICLE I:1(c)

<u>Communication from the Delegation of Sweden Pursuant to</u> <u>Article IX:5(b) of the Agreement</u>

The following communication from the delegation of Sweden, dated 2 June 1994, has been received with the request that it be circulated to the Members of the Committee.

With reference to Article IX:5(b) of the Agreement on Government Procurement, I would hereby like to inform you of the following changes regarding entities on the Swedish list in Annex I:

<u>The National Board of Public Building</u> has been reorganized and converted into two independent government-owned companies and two new government authorities. In 1990 procurement above the threshold by the National Board of Public Building amounted to 97 million Swedish kronor.

<u>The AMU-group</u> has been converted into a government-owned company. Procurement above the threshold was 25 million Swedish kronor in 1990.

<u>The Swedish Forest Service</u> has been converted into a partly government-owned company and recently introduced on the Swedish stock exchange. Their procurement above the threshold in 1990 was 47 million Swedish kronor.

<u>The Swedish Post Office</u> was converted into a government-owned company on 1 February this year. Procurement above the threshold in 1990 amounted to 525 million Swedish kronor.

Due to a major restructuring of several military authorities, the <u>Medical Board of the Armed</u> <u>Forces</u> will cease to exist on 1 July 1994. Their procurement above the threshold was 5 million Swedish kronor in 1990.

In view of the fact that the above entities no longer are central government authorities they will be removed from the Swedish entity list and replaced by the following central government authorities:

<u>The Swedish Board of Agriculture</u> (total procurement 1990, 1,370 million Swedish kronor), the <u>National Labour Market Board</u> and the 24 <u>County Labour Boards</u> (total procurement 1990, 146 million Swedish kronor) and the <u>Swedish Immigrant Board</u> (total procurement 1990, 225 million Swedish kronor). Total procurement by these entities in 1990 amounted to 1,741 million Swedish kronor. During the latest five year period, procurement above threshold by Swedish GATT entities was 40 per cent on an average.

With the exception of the Medical Board of the Armed Forces, the changes mentioned above are reflected in Sweden's Appendix I to the new Agreement on Government Procurement.

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