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THE THRESHOLD IN ARTICLE I:1(b) OF THE AGREEMENT AS EXPRESSED IN NATIONAL CURRENCIES FOR 1983

At its first meeting held on 15 January 1981, the Committee on Government Procurement decided that the Parties to the Agreement should notify without delay the method and result of their calculation of the threshold of SDR 150,000 contained in Article I:1(b) of the Agreement, in terms of their national currencies (GPR/M/1, paragraph 41 and Annex IV).

At its meeting on 16 December 1982 the Chairman recalled that the national currencies were to be fixed for one calendar year, except for Japan and Singapore where the fiscal year (1 April-31 March) was used. He expected Parties to make their submissions for 1983 without delay.

The present note compiles information received from Parties to the Agreement.

CANADA - Can\$206,000

The Canadian threshold for 1983 will be Can\$206,000, calculated on the basis of daily SDR values over the period 1 October 1981-30 September 1982.

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY - ECU 167,000

The attached extract from the Official Journal of the European Communities of 23 November 1982 fixes the new value applicable as from 1 January 1983.

The calculations have been made in accordance with the method described in document GPR/7 of 10 March 1981 by taking the average of daily values of the ECU in terms of the SDR over the period 1 November 1981 to 31 October 1982 which was SDR 0.896739 = ECU 1. This gave a figure of ECU 167,273 which was rounded for administrative convenience to ECU 167,000.

The precise values fixed by the member States of the European Community in their national currencies and corresponding to this amount of ECU 167,000 will be notified to the Committee in the near future.

Annex: p.2 of OJ No. C 306 of 23 November 1982

Value of public supply contracts covered by Council Directive 80/767/EEC of 22 July 1980¹ and by the Agreement on government procurement concluded within the framework of the GATT and approved by Council Decision 80/271/EEC of 10 December 1979²

1. The minimum value of ECU 140,000 specified in Article 3 of Directive 80/767/EEC is raised to ECU 167,000 for the period 1 January until 31 December 1983.
2. The new value shall also apply during the same period in respect of procurement contracts to which the Agreement on government procurement applies.

FINLAND - FIM 880,000

The threshold value for purchases under the Agreement on Government Procurement in national currency for Finland in 1983 has been fixed at FIM 880,000. This figure has been arrived at on the basis of the calculation method agreed upon in the Committee, with an adjustment made for the recent devaluation of the Finnish markka.

HONG KONG - HK\$992,000

The Hong Kong equivalent of SDR 150,000 for the period 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1983 will be HK\$992,000. This figure will therefore be the threshold level referred to in Article 1:1(b) of the Agreement on Government Procurement.

NORWAY - NOK 1,050,000

In accordance with the calculation made by the competent Norwegian authorities the threshold value for the calendar year 1983 expressed in NOK will amount to NOK 1,050,000.

SINGAPORE - S\$356,127

The threshold equivalent of SDR 150,000 in Singapore dollar for the period 1 April 1983 to 31 March 1984 will be S\$356,127/-.

SWEDEN - SEK 997,000

The threshold value for 1983 has been determined to 997,000 Swedish kronor (SEK). The basis for the calculation has been the daily values of the SEK in terms of the SDR during the period 1 November 1981 to 31 October 1982.

¹OJ No. L 215, 18 August 1980

²OJ No. L 71, 17 March 1980

SWITZERLAND - Sw F 330,000

For 1983 and provided there are no major variations in exchange rates, the threshold mentioned in Article I:1(b) of the Agreement will be Sw F 330,000. The basis for this calculation has been the average of the daily SDR/Sw F rates over the period 1 November 1981-31 October 1982.

UNITED STATES - US\$169,000

Based on IMF data for the period 1 October 1981 to 30 September 1982, the United States Government has determined the dollar threshold for Government Procurement Agreement purchases to be US\$169,000, effective 1 January 1983.