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## Committee on Government Procurement

### GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1981

#### Note by the Secretariat

At its meetings held on 23 February and 25 May 1983, the Committee carried out a review of statistics which Parties had submitted in accordance with Article VI:9 of the Agreement and requested the secretariat to circulate an overall summary of the figures supplied which covered calendar year 1981, which was the first year of operation of the Agreement. This summary is attached.

As already stated (L/5503, paragraph 17), the Committee considers that the data exchange exercise has been very useful. It has nevertheless not considered it appropriate to draw substantive conclusions from data available to it so far.

Party	Estimated value of all contracts awarded by procuring entities covered by the Agreement (million SDR)	Value of contracts awarded above the threshold of the Agreement; i.e. above SDR 150,000			
		Total Value (million SDR)	Origin of contracts		
			Domestic (million SDR)	Foreign*** (million SDR)	Unspecified (million SDR)****
Austria	133.1	5.2	1.1	4.1	-
Canada	319.3	379.4	291.2	88.2	-
European Economic Community	9,066.9	4,547.5	1,462.3	43.7	3,041.5
Finland	332.1	89.0	1.6	2.4	85.0
Hong Kong	180.2	140.4	35.9	104.5	-
Japan	1,465.9*	909.2	215.8	82.0	611.4
Norway	465.5	127.9	61.6	66.3	-
Singapore	40.2	25.2	9.2	16.0	-
Sweden	676.2	81.2	43.5	18.3	19.4
Switzerland	302.9	107.2	67.2	40.0	-
United States	24,520.4	16,866.1**	14,036.5**	2,829.6**	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,002.7</b>	<b>23,278.3</b>	<b>16,225.9</b>	<b>3,295.1</b>	<b>3,757.3</b>

\* This figure excludes contracts awarded under single-tendering procedures below the threshold value.

\*\* This figure excludes contracts awarded above the threshold if these were made under exceptions in the US entity list for small business set-asides.

\*\*\* These figures are likely to be understated and are not fully comparable. Apart from the fact that a number of contracts are unspecified, Parties except the EEC report according to the origin of products purchased, allocating sometimes the whole value of a contract to one origin although more than one may occur. The EEC reports according to the nationality of the winning tenderer (considering member State tenderers as "domestic"). The value of some contracts which in Austria, Finland, Singapore and Switzerland were shared between two or more supplying countries have for the purpose of this table been divided equally between these sources.

\*\*\*\* The SDR figures for the United States of America have been arrived at by using a conversion factor of 0.84806 SDR per US dollar, an average for 1981.

The SDR figures for Austria, Canada, the European Economic Community, Finland,

Singapore and Switzerland have been arrived at by using averages for the respective currencies vis à vis the US dollar for 1981.

- Schilling per US dollar	-	"	: 15.927
- Canadian dollar per US dollar	-	"	: 1.1989
- US dollar per ECU	-	"	: 1.1165
- Markkaa per US dollar	-	"	: 4.3153
- Singapore dollar per US dollar	-	"	: 2.1127
- Swiss francs per US dollar	-	"	: 1.9642

The SDR figures for Hong Kong, Japan, Norway and Sweden are those notified to the Committee by these Parties.