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THE THRESHOLD IN ARTICLE I:1(b) OF THE AGREEMENT AS EXPRESSED IN NATIONAL CURRENCIES FOR 1984

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).

The present document reproduces a notification received from the European Economic Community, dated 6 December 1983. Information from other Parties will be compiled in addenda to this document.

As decided by the Committee on Government Procurement at its first meeting, held on 15 January 1981, each Party calculates and notifies to the Committee the national currency equivalent of the minimum value referred to in Article I of the Agreement.

The attached extract from the Official Journal of the European Communities of 26 November 1983 fixes the new value applicable as from 1 January 1984.

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 1982 to 31 October 1983 which was SDR 0.845689 = ECU 1. This gave a figure of ECU 177,370 which was rounded for administrative convenience to ECU 177,000.

The same extract from the Official Journal of the European Communities fixes, for a two-year period, the equivalent amounts to be taken into consideration by the member States of the Community for calculating the amount of ECU 177,000 in terms of their national currencies. The precise values fixed by the member States will be notified to the Committee in the near future.

Annex: p. 2 of OJ No. C 320 of 26 November 1983

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ANNEX

Equivalents of ECU applicable as from 1 January 1984 for:

- public works contracts cited in Council Directive 71/305/EEC of 26 July 1971 ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Council Directive 78/669/EEC of 2 August 1978 ⁽²⁾,
- public supplies contracts cited in Council Directive 77/62/EEC of 21 December 1976 ⁽³⁾, as amended by Council Directive 80/767/EEC of 22 July 1980 ⁽⁴⁾.

In accordance with Article 7 (1) (c) of Council Directive 71/305/EEC of 26 July 1971 coordinating procedures for the award of public works contracts and Article 5 (1) (c) of Council Directive 77/62/EEC of 21 December 1976 coordinating procedures for the award of public supply contracts, the national currency equivalents of the ECU to be used as from 1 January 1984 for determining the value of public contracts covered by the Directives, are the following:

(currency amount for one ECU)

Bfrs/Lfrs	46,2996
Dkr	8,13216
DM	2,28142
Dr	75,6776
FF	6,71741
Fl	2,53967
£ Irl	0,708738
Lit	1344,68
£	0,587552

Value of public supply contracts covered by Council Directive 80/767/EEC of 22 July 1980 ⁽⁴⁾ and by the Agreement on government procurement concluded within the framework of GATT and approved by Council Decision 80/271/EEC of 10 December 1979 ⁽⁵⁾

1. The minimum value of 140 000 ECU specified in Article 3 of Directive 80/767/EEC is raised to 177 000 ECU for the period 1 January until 31 December 1984.
2. The new value shall also apply during the same period in respect of procurement contracts to which the Agreement on government procurement applies.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 185, 16. 8. 1971.
⁽²⁾ OJ No L 225, 16. 8. 1978.
⁽³⁾ OJ No L 13, 15. 1. 1977.
⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 215, 18. 8. 1980.
⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 71, 17. 3. 1980.