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## **1 ARTICLE XIII OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES**

### **1.1 Text of Article XIII**

#### ***Article XIII***

##### *Government Procurement*

1. Articles II, XVI and XVII shall not apply to laws, regulations or requirements governing the procurement by governmental agencies of services purchased for governmental purposes and not with a view to commercial resale or with a view to use in the supply of services for commercial sale.

2. There shall be multilateral negotiations on government procurement in services under this Agreement within two years from the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement.

### **1.2 Working Party on General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) Rules**

1. Negotiations on government procurement in services have been carried out in the Working Party on GATS Rules, established on 30 March 1995 by the Council for Trade in Services.<sup>1</sup> Members agreed to complete negotiations under Articles VI:4 and XIII and XV of the GATS prior to the conclusion of negotiations on specific commitments.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [S/C/M/2](#), paras. 22-25. See also the Reports of the Working Party on GATS Rules to the Council for Trade in Service in documents [S/WPGR/1-21](#).

<sup>2</sup> [S/L/93](#).