WORKSHOP ON THE WTO AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GPA)
GENEVA, 10 TO 12 JULY 2007

BREAKOUT SESSION 3

TASKS

Your government procurement system has been reformed or is in the process of being reformed so as to make it more efficient, transparent, open and competitive.

Your government is now contemplating initiating accession to the GPA. You are the relevant expert on this aspect of the negotiations.

1. (a) How would you ensure, in the context of the accession process, that membership of the GPA would create meaningful market access opportunities for your domestic suppliers?

   (b) What information would you need about the strengths and weaknesses of your domestic industries and the coverage of relevant Parties' sectors of interest?

2. (a) What research would you undertake to assess the potential impact of foreign competition on your domestic industries?

   (b) How would you maximize the positive impact of foreign competition in increasing value for money in your procurement process while minimizing any negative impact on domestic industries?

3 In light of the above: (a) how would you develop an initial offer; and (b) how would you respond to the subsequent requests of Parties?

Please be as specific as possible.