The revised text of the GPA: key revisions, new elements and flexibilities for Parties and acceding members

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Main elements

- National treatment and non-discrimination.
- Detailed provisions on procurement process, to ensure transparent and open competition.
- Enforcement: provisions on application of the WTO-DSU and domestic review procedures.
- S&D and other provisions to facilitate accession.
Key revisions and new elements

- Overall streamlining of the text to follow procurement process organically.
- Integration of e-tendering
- Clarification with regard to technical specifications for the preservation of natural resources, protection of the environment.
- New emphasis on the fight against corruption.
- Better aligned with other international instruments.
(New) flexibilities

- More flexibility with regard to time periods
- New and enhanced transitional measures for developing countries
- Overall principle-based approach
Concluding remarks

The GPA transparency and procedural rules are

- designed to promote competition, ensure non-discriminatory treatment of suppliers
- designed to give effect to the market access obligations undertaken by Parties

The revised text has been

- modernised,
- improved, and
- made more user-friendly.

The Agreement has been adapted to take account of

- the use of electronic tools,
- the importance of the fight against corruption, sustainability/environmental concerns,
- the need for harmonization with other international instruments.