



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

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elements of
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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.