

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

Accession to the Agreement

To take account of the interest that some countries may have in negotiating accession to the Agreement on Government Procurement and to encourage the widest possible participation in this Agreement at the outset, it has been suggested that a procedure might be prepared which would facilitate such action prior to its entry into force on 1 January 1981.

The following procedure is available with this end in view.

1. A country interested in accession would communicate its interest to the secretariat together with relevant information, including an offer by way of a list of entities having regard to the relevant provisions of the Agreement, in particular Article I and, where appropriate, Article III.
2. The communication would be circulated to participants in the Agreement. A copy of the communication would also be available in the secretariat for inspection by other interested delegations whose governments participated in the multilateral trade negotiations.
3. A period of time (60 days)¹ would be provided for any consultations which may be required between participants in the Agreement and the acceding country on matters relating to accession.
4. Upon completion of the consultations, the secretariat would circulate the resultant understanding including the list of entities to the participants in the Agreement. A copy would be available in the secretariat for inspection by other interested delegations whose governments participated in the multilateral trade negotiations.

¹It is understood that this period may be extended upon request.

5. Unless the secretariat was notified to the contrary within thirty days of the circulation of the understanding, and having regard to the provisions of Article IX:1 of the Agreement, a Declaration Related to the Agreement on Government Procurement to which would be annexed the list of entities of the acceding country agreed with participants would be open for signature by the acceding country. A sample text for this purpose is annexed, it being recognized that the precise provisions of the Declaration would need to take into account the relevant provisions of paragraph 1 of Article IX of the Agreement concerning the status etc., of the acceding country. The authentic text of the acceding country's list of entities annexed to the Declaration in English, French and Spanish would be identified in a head note to that list.

DECLARATION RELATED TO THE
AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

The Government of (hereinafter referred to as
.....),

Having participated in multilateral trade negotiations relating to
the Agreement on Government Procurement (hereinafter referred to as the
"Agreement"),

Having completed these negotiations and having reached agreement on its
list of entities with other participants in the negotiations concerning
the Agreement,

Herewith declares:

1. Acceptance of this Declaration constitutes adherence to the
Agreement in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of
Article IX.
2. The list of entities and publications contained in the Annex to
this Declaration is accepted as an integral part of the Agreement
in accordance with paragraph 10 of Article IX thereof.
3. This Declaration shall be deposited with the Director-General
to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT.

Done at Geneva this day of nineteen hundred and