

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

### Meeting of 14 April 1989

#### Note by the Chairman

1. The Committee met on 14 April 1989 to consider the recourse to the dispute settlement procedures by one Party with respect to the acquisition or lease of an Antarctic research vessel with ice-breaking capability by a Code-covered entity in another Party.
2. In the light of bilateral consultations held since the last meeting, and noting that conciliation was an important element in disputes between governments, the Party bringing the case did not request that a panel be established at this meeting, but reserved its right in this regard, pending the result of further bilateral discussions. The other Party confirmed the positive spirit in the bilateral consultations and hoped a mutually satisfactory solution would be reached. Other members expressed the same wish.
3. The Committee encouraged a continuation of efforts towards a positive settlement of the matter, and noted the possibility that the request for a panel might be pursued at a future meeting.