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SUBMISSION BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON THE AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

The following submission was tabled at the Group's meeting on 27 October 1988.

In document MTN.GNG/NG8/W/21 the Korean delegation has proposed some issues relating to the Agreement on Government Procurement with the objective of facilitating adherence of non-signatories to the Agreement.

With the aim of facilitating the work of the Negotiating Group, the Korean delegation is presenting the concrete negotiating text for further consideration on the above issues.

With this end in mind and without prejudice to the possibility of submitting additional proposals for negotiation in the future, the Korean delegation desires that the text be used as a basis for negotiations in this Negotiating Group.

Proposed Amendment of Agreement on Government Procurement

- Add new Article IX:1(e)

"(e) With respect to terms of accession of governments, criteria to be considered would include, <u>inter alia</u>, shares of above-threshold procurement in total values of entities' contracts and the commitment to a gradual expansion of entity lists.

In addition, terms of accession of a developing country shall reflect the provisions of special and differential treatment laid down in Article III."

- Renumber sub-paragraph (e) to become sub-paragraph (f).
- Add new Article V:11(g)
 - "(g) The period referred to in (a), (b), (e) above should be extended where a proposed procurement require a complicated and specific sample."

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