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IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE IX:1(B) OF THE AGREEMENT ON  
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

The text below has been agreed upon:

1. The Committee on Government Procurement is invited to clarify that:
  - (i) a contracting party interested in accession according to Article IX:1(b) would communicate its interest to the Director-General, submitting 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;
  - (ii) the communication would be circulated to Parties to the Agreement;
  - (iii) the contracting party interested in accession would hold consultations with the Parties on the terms for its accession to the Agreement;
  - (iv) with a view to facilitating accession, the Committee would establish a working party if the contracting party in question, or any of the Parties to the Agreement, so requests. The working party should examine: (a) the offer made by the applicant country; and (b) relevant information pertaining to export opportunities in the markets of the Parties, taking into account the existing and potential export capabilities of the applicant country, and export opportunities for the Parties in the market of the applicant country;
  - (v) upon a decision by the Committee agreeing to the terms of accession including the list of entities, the acceding contracting party would deposit with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT an instrument of accession which states the terms so agreed. The text of the acceding contracting party's list of entities in English, French and Spanish would be annexed to the Agreement.
2. It is noted that the Committee decisions are arrived at on the basis of consensus. It is also noted that the non-application clause of Article IX:9 is available to any Party.

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