

15 JUNE 1978

SUBJECT: SUB-GROUP "GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT" - PROCEDURES FOR
NEGOTIATIONS ON PROCUREMENT ENTITIES

1. THE SUB-GROUP "GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT" AGREED AT ITS LAST MEETING ON 13 JUNE 1978 ON THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON PROCUREMENT ENTITIES TO BE COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF AN ARRANGEMENT IN THIS FIELD (MTN/NTM/43, PARAGRAPHS 7-10).
2. INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS ARE INVITED TO TABLE OFFERS FOR THE INCLUSION OF PROCUREMENT ENTITIES IN THE SCHEDULES TO THE ARRANGEMENT DURING THE PERIOD 27 JUNE-7 JULY, IF POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION TO LISTS OF PROCUREMENT ENTITIES THE OFFERS SHOULD CONTAIN, WHERE AVAILABLE, INFORMATION ON THE VALUE OF PURCHASES DURING A RECENT PERIOD AND THE PRODUCTS PURCHASED, BOTH ON AN INDICATIVE BASIS.
3. INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS ARE ALSO INVITED TO SUBMIT REQUESTS TO THEIR TRADING PARTNERS FOR THE INCLUSION OF PROCUREMENT ENTITIES IN THE SCHEDULES TO THE ARRANGEMENT.
4. IN THE FORTHCOMING PERIOD EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE BY PARTICIPANTS TO PROVIDE ONE ANOTHER, UPON REQUEST, WITH INFORMATION REGARDING PROCUREMENT ENTITIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES INCLUDING AN INDICATION OF PRODUCT COVERAGE AND VALUE OF PURCHASES ETC. TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE.
5. IN THE PROCESS OF THE EXCHANGE OF OFFERS BETWEEN THE PARTICIPANTS CONCERNED, ONE COPY OF EACH OFFER SHOULD BE LODGED WITH THE GATT SECRETARIAT FOR INSPECTION BY INTERESTED DELEGATIONS, FULLY RESPECTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CONFIDENTIALITY IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. COPIES OF REQUEST LISTS SHOULD ALSO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE INFORMATION OF OTHER INTERESTED DELEGATIONS.
6. THE TABLING OF OFFERS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TRADING PARTNERS CONCERNED. IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON PROCUREMENT ENTITIES, FULL ACCOUNT WILL BE TAKEN OF THE INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL AND TRADE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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