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COMMUNICATION FROM THE DELEGATION OF FINLAND

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Finland by letter dated 12 June 1984.

The Permanent Mission of Finland presents its compliments to the secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and has the honour to state the following.

Document GPR/19 of 5 April 1984 contains a notification made by Finland to the effect that the Government Fuel Centre should be deleted from the list of entities subjected to the requirements of the Agreement on Government Procurement. The Government of Finland maintains that this action does not affect the balance of rights and obligations under the Agreement, considering that the entity in question is a very small one, and that its new status as a joint stock company puts it in the same position in the market as its private competitors. However, account being taken of the objections raised in the Committee on Government Procurement, the Government of Finland does not object to this matter being discussed under Article IX:5(b) of the Agreement, and is prepared to do so in the forthcoming meeting of the Committee (item B in GATT/AIR/2019).