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### IMPROVEMENTS OF STATISTICS ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

#### Note by the Nordic Delegations

A Nordic submission, of 12 October 1987, regarding proposals for improvements of statistics on government procurement is reproduced below.

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At the meeting of the Committee on Government Procurement on May 20th 1987 the Nordic delegations suggested that a more comprehensive analysis of statistics furnished by Parties to the Agreement was called for in order to enable Parties to evaluate more fully the development of the trade covered by the Agreement. To this end the Nordic delegations submit the following proposals.

1. Under the present Article VI:9b/the new Article VI:10b the Parties to the Agreement shall provide statistics on their purchases under the Agreement, according to a recognized uniform classification system to be determined by the Committee. Discussions on such a classification system should start as soon as possible. The statistical documentation should be based on the Harmonized System. It would also be important that statistics are based on a uniform application of the definition of country of origin as foreseen in the new article VI:10b.

2. Parties should deliver statistical information covering the preceding calendar year no later than a date fixed by the Committee. The final date for delivery of statistics should be the same each year and could therefore be decided once and for all.
  
3. The Secretariat should compile and analyse the statistics provided by Parties, covering the following elements.
  - Total estimated value of contracts awarded broken down by Parties.
  
  - Total number and value of contracts awarded above threshold broken down by Parties.
  
  - Contracts awarded above threshold as percentage of total value and number of contracts awarded by each Party.
  
  - Estimated value of contracts below threshold as percentage of each Party's total procurements.
  
  - Percentage change of the value of contracts awarded by each Party, total and above threshold, as compared to the average for the three preceding years.
  
  - Number and value of contracts awarded under article V:15 (single tendering), broken down by Parties.
  
  - Contracts awarded under article V:15 (single tendering), as percentage of total number/value of contracts awarded, broken down by Parties.
  
  - Number and total value of contracts awarded under derogations to the Agreement, broken down by Parties.

- Contracts awarded under derogations, as percentage of total number and estimated value of contracts awarded, broken down by Parties.
- Number and value of contracts awarded foreign suppliers, broken down by Parties.
- Contracts awarded foreign suppliers as percentage of total number/value of contracts awarded, broken down by Parties.
- An analysis of trends in procurement figures.