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MODIFICATION OF LIST OF ENTITIES MADE UNDER
ARTICLE IX, PARAGRAPH 5(B), OF THE AGREEMENT ON
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

Communication from the Delegation of Sweden

By letter of 13 April 1988, the delegation of Sweden made the following notification pursuant to Article IX:5(b) of the Agreement on Government Procurement.

Referring to Article IX:5(b) of the Agreement on Government Procurement and to my statement at the last meeting of the Committee on Government Procurement, I have the honour to notify you a proposed modification of the Swedish list of entities.

Due to a re-organization the responsibility, earlier attributed to the National Board of Education for procurement covered by the Agreement on Government Procurement, has been transferred to a new group of Government agencies, the National Labour Market Board and its twenty-five regional labour market offices, the so-called AMU Group. The total procurement for the whole AMU Group is estimated to correspond to the procurement during the last years of exercise by the National Board of Education before the re-attribution of responsibilities, i.e. SDR 41 million.

The AMU Group has been given a decentralized organization. In order to fully comply with the provisions set out in Article IX:5(b) it has been decided to prescribe for the National Labour Market Board, as well as for each of its twenty-five regional offices, a reduced threshold value, calculated through dividing the current threshold of 130,000 by the total number of agencies in the AMU Group, i.e. by twenty-six. The threshold for each of the agencies will thus be SDR 5,000, or calculated in our national currency SEK 41,000.

The re-organization of the above-mentioned entity was drawn to the attention of the Committee in oral statements by Sweden at the meetings of 16 October 1987 (GPR/M/28, paragraph 25) and 18 March 1988 (GPR/M/30, paragraph 4 - to be issued). In the circumstances, the Chairman will "promptly convene a meeting of the Committee" as foreseen in Article IX:5(b) - only if any member of the Committee so requests. The Chairman proposes that, if no such request is presented within thirty days of the date of this document, the proposed modification and compensatory adjustment will be deemed to have been agreed upon.