

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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Committee on Government Procurement

ACQUISITION OR LEASE OF ANTARCTIC RESEARCH VESSEL WITH
ICE-BREAKING CAPABILITY BY THE UNITED STATES
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Communication by Finland

The following communication, dated 3 March 1989, has been received in the secretariat with the request that it be circulated as a working document to the members of the Committee before the next meeting.

The Government of Finland suggests, referring to the document GPR/W/89 and to the discussion on the subject matter at the meeting of the Committee in October 1988 (paragraphs 64-73 in document GPR/M/31), that the Committee would carry out, in pursuance of Article VII:6 of the Agreement on Government Procurement, a detailed examination of the issue at its meeting of 16 March 1989.

The matter has been bilaterally discussed in two separate consultations between the representatives of the United States and Finland under the provisions of Article VII:4 of the Agreement, but no mutually satisfactory solution has, as yet, been found. If no such solution were to be emerging even in the second examination of the matter in the Committee at its March meeting, the Government of Finland reserves its right to request the establishment of a panel under Article VII:7 at that meeting in order to ensure a prompt settlement of the matter.