

## REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

### Statistical Reporting Requirements under Article XIX:5

#### Submission by the United States

#### Introduction

1. Discussions in the Committee on potential revision to the statistical reporting requirements under Article XIX:5 are well advanced. There appears to be general agreement among GPA Members that the current statistical reporting requirements are overly burdensome and in need of revision. The work of the Chair and the Secretariat in collecting Members' views and presenting them in the form of draft revisions of the text of Article XIX:5 has helped advance the Committee's work in this area.

2. The purpose of this informal submission is to contribute to the Committee's discussion of revising the statistical reporting requirements of Article XIX:5 by seeking to better clarify how the revised statistical reporting requirements would be actually implemented. This submission presents "sample tables" of how we perceive the modifications to the statistical reporting requirements proposed to date might look in terms of a statistical report. Discussion of these samples may be of assistance in considering whether any further modifications of the draft text may be appropriate.

3. This submission also suggests another potential modification to the Chairman's revised text (discussed below), for consideration by the Committee.

#### Potential modification to the Chairman's revised text of Article XIX:5

##### Reporting the value of above-threshold contracts awarded to foreign suppliers

4. The GPA currently requires Parties to report on the country of origin of products and services purchased by its entities "[t]o the extent that such information is available". Due to the difficulty in accurately obtaining country of origin information, the United States supports proposals by other Members to eliminate this requirement. However, in order to assess the market access benefits of the GPA, it may be useful to Members to have information on the value of contracts that each Party awards to domestic suppliers and to the suppliers of other Parties, at least on an aggregate basis. While it would still be possible without such information to determine the level of opportunities offered by GPA membership, it would be more difficult to assess the level of market access Parties actually achieve.

5. To address this issue, the Parties might consider adding the following statement to the revised text of Article XIX:5(a), provided in the Chair's Note of 13 April 1999 (Job 2108):

*"To the extent that such information is available, the above statistics should be broken down by the estimated value of contracts awarded to suppliers of GPA participants."*

If such information were provided, together with the value of all contracts awarded, the Parties would have a tool for assessing the extent to which GPA participants' suppliers participate in a reporting Party's procurement markets.

6. If this suggestion were included in the Chairman's revised text, the new Article XIX:5 would read (with the modification indicated in italicized text):

"5. Each Party shall collect and provide to the Committee statistics on its procurements covered by this Agreement. Their reports shall contain the following information with respect to contracts awarded, above the applicable threshold values, by all procurement entities covered under the Agreement:

(a) statistics on the estimated value of contracts awarded:

- (i) for entities in Annexes 1, 2 and 3, on a global basis; and
- (ii) for entities in Annex 1, broken down by entity;

*To the extent that such information is available, the above statistics should be broken down by the estimated value of contracts awarded to suppliers of GPA participants.*

(b) (i) for entities in Annex 1, statistics on the number and total value of contracts awarded, broken down by entities and by categories of products and services according to uniform classification systems;

(ii) for entities in Annexes 2 and 3, statistics on the estimated value of contracts awarded broken down by categories of entities and by categories of products and services;

(c) statistics on the use of Article XV:

- (i) for entities in Annex 1, on the number and total value of contracts awarded, broken down by entity and categories of products and services;
- (ii) for categories of entities in Annexes 2 and 3, the total value of contracts awarded."

#### **Model statistical tables**

7. Attached are model statistical tables which reflect our understanding of the current proposed modifications to Article XIX:5, and include the additional suggested modifications outlined above. We welcome the views of other delegations to help reach a common understanding of the implications of the proposed modifications to the GPA's statistical reporting requirements.

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<b>Federal Government Entities (Annex 1)</b>	<b>Value of Above-Threshold Contracts Awarded</b>	<b>Value of Above-Threshold Contracts Awarded to other GPA Suppliers</b>
Department of Agriculture		
Department of Education		
Department of Health and Human Services		
Department of Housing and Urban Development		
Department of the Interior		
Department of Justice		
...		
<b>TOTAL FOR ANNEX 1</b>		

<b>Categories of Entities (Annex 2)</b>	<b>Value of Above-Threshold Contracts Awarded</b>	<b>Value of Above-Threshold Contracts Awarded to other GPA Suppliers</b>
[Category 1]		
[Category 2]		
...		
<b>TOTAL FOR ANNEX 2</b>		

<b>Categories of Entities (Annex 3)</b>	<b>Value of Above-Threshold Contracts Awarded</b>	<b>Value of Above-Threshold Contracts Awarded to other GPA Suppliers</b>
[Category 1]		
[Category 2]		
...		
<b>TOTAL FOR ANNEX 3</b>		

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**(Annex 1 Number and Estimated Value of Above-Threshold Contracts by Entity and Categories of Products and Services)**

	Dept of Agriculture		Dept of Education		Dept Health Human Serv		Housing & Urbn Dvlpt		Dept of the Interior		Dept of Justice		Dept of Labor		...	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
[goods/service category 1]																
[goods/service category 2]																
[goods/service category 3]																
...																

**(Annex 2 Above-Threshold by Category of Entity and Categories of Products and Services)**

Annex 2	Category of Entity 1	Category of Entity 2	Category of Entity 3	...
Category of goods/services 1				
Category of goods/services 2				
...				

**(Annex 3 Above-Threshold by Category of Entity and Categories of Products and Services)**

Annex 3	Category of Entity 1	Category of Entity 2	Category of Entity 3	...
Category of goods/services 1				
Category of goods/services 2				
...				

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**(Annex 1 Above-Threshold by Entity on Total Number and Value of Contracts Awarded under Article XV)**

	Dept of Agriculture		Dept of Education		Dept Health Human Serv		Housing & Urbn Dvlpt		Dept of the Interior		Dept of Justice		Dept of Labor		...	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
goods/services category 1																
goods/services category 2																
...																

**(Annex 2 Above-Threshold by Category of Entity on Total Number and Value of Contracts Awarded under Article XV)**

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5	...
Total Value Article XV						
Total Number of Contracts Article XV						

**(Annex 3 Above-Threshold by Category of Entity on Total Number and Value of Contracts Awarded under Article XV)**

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5	...
Total Value Article XV						
Total Number of Contracts Article XV						