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ACCESSION OF THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU

Report of the Interim Committee to the Committee on Government Procurement

The Interim Committee's Decision on Accession Negotiations to the Agreement on Government Procurement (1994) Prior to its Entry into Force (GPA/IC/M/1, Annex 1) calls for the Interim Committee to submit to the Committee on Government Procurement under the new Agreement a report on its examination of the request for accession. This report is drawn up in pursuance of this Decision.

The delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu expressed its interest in acceding to the Agreement on Government Procurement at the Interim Committee's meeting on 29 June 1994¹ and tabled a draft initial offer in a communication dated 16 March 1995, circulated in document GPA/IC/SPEC/1 of 17 March 1995. It also circulated information on its current procurement régime and on planned future reforms in document GPA/IC/W/9 dated 23 November 1994 and submitted replies to questions received from members of the Interim Committee in a communication circulated in document GPA/IC/W/25 dated 18 July 1995.

In accordance with the Interim Committee's Decision of 29 June 1994 on procedures for accession negotiations to the Agreement on Government Procurement (1994) prior to its entry into force (Annex 1 of document GPA/IC/M/1), the Interim Committee considered the request for accession from the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu at its meetings on 29 June and 15 November 1994 and on 4 April, 19 June, 25 October and 7 December 1995. The records of these discussions are contained in the Minutes of those meetings (documents GPA/IC/M/1 - 6). Consultations between members of the Interim Committee and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu on the basis of the draft offer and the information provided are continuing.

The Interim Committee transmits the above information to the Committee on Government Procurement with the recommendation that the Committee carries forward the accession process.

¹The Record of this meeting is contained in document GPA/IC/M/1 dated 10 August 1994