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Consultations and Dispute Settlement

1. Each Party shall accord sympathetic consideration to and shall afford adequate opportunity for consultation regarding any representation made by another Party with respect to any matter affecting the operation of this Agreement.

2. Where any Party considers that any benefit accruing to it, directly or indirectly, under this Agreement is being nullified or impaired, or that the attainment of any objective of this Agreement is being impeded as the result of:

- (a) the failure of another Party or Parties to carry out its obligations under this Agreement; or
- (b) the application by another Party or Parties of any measure, whether or not it conflicts with the provisions of this Agreement,

it may, with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution to the matter, have recourse to the provisions of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (hereinafter referred to as "the Dispute Settlement Understanding").

3. The Dispute Settlement Understanding shall apply to consultations and the settlement of disputes under this Agreement, with the exception that, notwithstanding paragraph 3 of Article 22 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding, any dispute arising under any Agreement listed in Appendix 1 to the Dispute Settlement Understanding other than this Agreement shall not result in the suspension of concessions or other obligations under this Agreement, and any dispute arising under this Agreement shall not result in the suspension of concessions or other obligations under any other Agreement listed in Appendix 1 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding.

1.2 Article XX:2

1. As decided by the Committee on Government Procurement in its meeting on 16 September 2015¹, the Chairman of the Committee notified Special or Additional Rules and Procedures on Dispute Settlement to the Dispute Settlement Body by means of a communication to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body.²

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¹ [GPA/M/62](#).

² [GPA/135](#) – [WT/DSB/68](#), dated 24 November 2015.