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1. A Committee on Government Procurement composed of representatives from each of the Parties shall be established. This Committee shall elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman and shall meet as necessary but not less than once a year for the purpose of affording Parties the opportunity to consult on any matters relating to the operation of this Agreement or the furtherance of its objectives, and to carry out such other responsibilities as may be assigned to it by the Parties.

2. The Committee may establish working parties or other subsidiary bodies which shall carry out such functions as may be given to them by the Committee.

1.2 Article XXI:1

1. At its meeting of 27 February 1996, the Committee on Government Procurement approved recommendations for decisions adopted by the Interim Committee¹ on Procedures on the Participation of Observers.²

2. At its meeting of 27 February 1996, the Committee on Government Procurement adopted interim procedures on the circulation of documents and the derestriction of documents, pending definitive measures.³ Subsequently, at its meeting of 24 February 1997, the Committee on Government Procurement adopted revised procedures with respect to the circulation and derestriction of documents.⁴ At its meeting of 8 October 2002⁵, the Committee agreed to update those revised procedures⁶ to reflect the WTO procedures adopted in the General Council Decision of 14 May 2002 on Procedures for the Circulation and Derestriction of WTO Documents.⁷

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¹ Interim Committee on Government Procurement, adopted 25 October 1995, [GPA/IC/W/31](#).

² [GPA/M/1](#), Section B. The text of the decision can be found in [GPA/1](#), Annex 1.

³ [GPA/M/1](#), Section B. The text of the decision can be found in [GPA/1](#), Annexes 4 and 5.

⁴ [GPA/M/5](#), Section G. The text of the decision can be found in [GPA/1/Add.2](#).

⁵ [GPA/M/19](#), Section F.

⁶ [GPA/1/Add.2](#).

⁷ [WT/L/452](#). The text of the revised decision adopted by the Committee can be found in document [GPA/72](#).