

ANNEX D

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ON A WORK PROGRAMME ON THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF STATISTICAL DATA*

Decision of 30 March 2012

The Committee on Government Procurement,

Noting that Article XXII:8(a) of the Agreement on Government Procurement (Agreement) provides that the Parties shall adopt and periodically review a work programme, including a work programme on the collection and reporting of statistical data;

Considering the importance of the collection and reporting of statistical data, as required by Article XVI:4 of the Agreement on Government Procurement (Agreement), in providing transparency of procurement covered under the Agreement;

Considering that statistical data that illustrate the extent to which the Parties procure goods and services covered by the Agreement from other Parties to the Agreement could be an important tool in encouraging other WTO Members to accede to the Agreement;

Recognizing the overall challenges of Parties to the Agreement in collecting data in the area of government procurement and in particular in determining the country of origin of the goods and services that they procure under the Agreement; and

Recognizing that Parties use different methodologies in their collection of statistics to meet the reporting requirements in Article XVI:4 of the Agreement, and may use different methodologies in the collection of data for central government entities and sub-central government entities;

Hereby adopts the following work programme with respect to the collection and reporting of statistical data:

1. **Initiation of Work Programme on the Collection and Reporting of Statistical Data:** At the first meeting of the Committee after the entry into force of the Protocol of Amendment to the Existing (1994) Agreement, the Committee shall initiate a Work Programme on the Collection and Reporting of Statistical Data. The Committee shall review the collection and reporting of statistical data by the Parties, consider the potential of harmonizing them, and prepare a report of the results.

2. **Submission of Data by the Parties:** The Committee shall agree on a date by which each Party shall submit to the Committee the following information with respect to statistical data on procurement covered by the Agreement:

- (a) a description of the methodology that it uses to collect, evaluate, and report statistical data, above and below Agreement thresholds and for procurement described in paragraph 4.2(c) of the SME Work Programme, including whether it bases the data on procurement covered by the Agreement on the full value of awarded contracts or the total expenditure for procurement in a given time-frame;

* Annex D to Appendix 2 of the Decision on the Outcomes of the Negotiations Under Article XXIV:7 of the Agreement on Government Procurement, adopted on 30 March 2012 (GPA/113, pp. 442-443).

- (b) whether the statistical data that it collects includes the country of origin of the goods or services that are procured, and if so, how it determines or estimates the country of origin, and the technical impediments in collecting country of origin data;
- (c) an explanation of the classifications used in statistical reports; and
- (d) a description of the sources of data.

3. **Compilation of Submissions:** The Secretariat shall prepare a compilation of the submissions and circulate the submissions and the compilation to the Parties. The Secretariat shall include a list of Parties with outstanding submissions.

4. **Recommendations:** The Committee shall review the submissions of the Parties and make recommendations on:

- (a) whether the Parties should adopt a common method for collection of statistics;
- (b) whether the Parties are able to standardize the classifications in the statistical data reported to the Committee;
- (c) means for facilitating the collection of country of origin of goods and services covered by the Agreement; and
- (d) other technical issues in government procurement data reporting raised by any Party.

5. The Committee shall develop, as appropriate, recommendations relating to:

- (a) potential harmonization of statistical reporting with the aim of including government procurement statistics in the annual reporting of the WTO;
- (b) the Secretariat's provision of technical assistance relating to statistical reporting to WTO Members that are in the process of acceding to the Agreement; and
- (c) means of ensuring that WTO Members that are acceding to the Agreement have the appropriate means for complying with statistical data collection and reporting requirements.

6. **Analysis of data:** The Committee shall consider how the statistical data submitted to the Secretariat annually by Parties may be used for further analyses to facilitate greater understanding of the economic importance of the Agreement, including the impact of thresholds on the performance of the Agreement.