

## The revised text of the GPA: key revisions, new elements and flexibilities for Parties and acceding members

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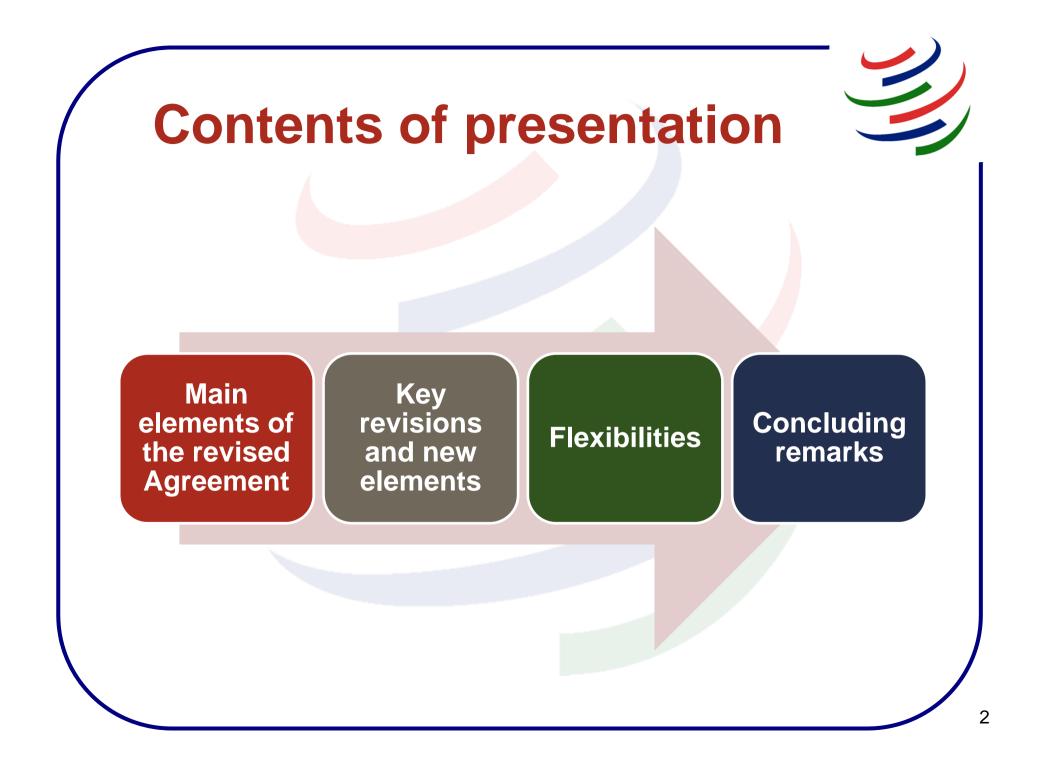
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# **Main elements**



National treatment and nondiscrimination. Detailed provisions on procurement process, to ensure transparent and open competition.

Enforcement: provisions on application of the WTO-DSU and domestic review procedures

S&D and other provisions to facilitate accession

## **Key revisions and new elements**



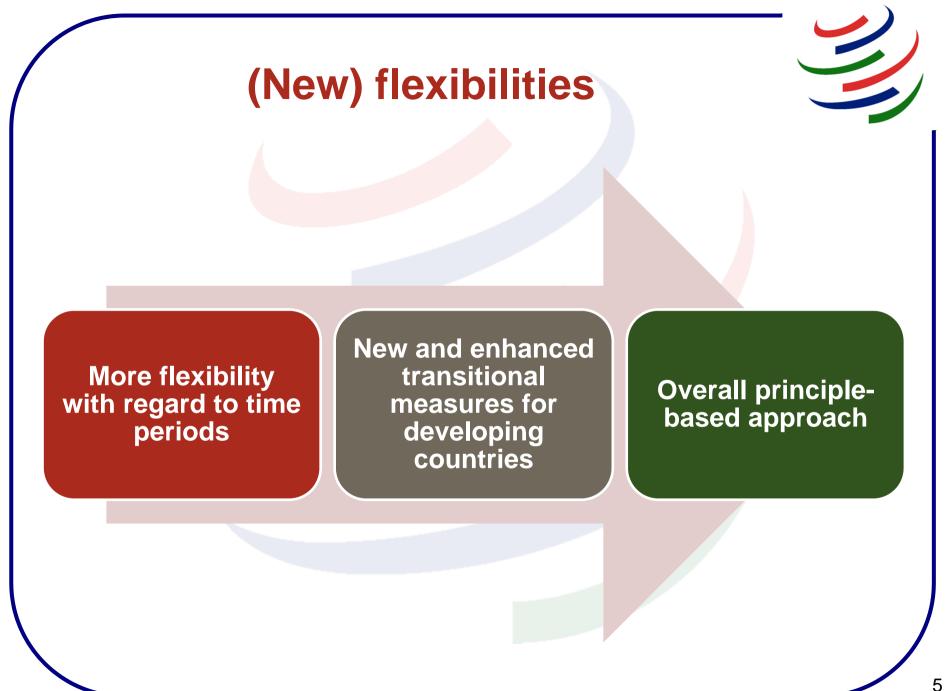
Overall streamlining of the text to follow procurement process organically.

Integration of e-tendering

Clarification with regard to technical specifications for the preservation of natural resources, protection of the environment.

New emphasis on the fight against corruption.

Better aligned with other international instruments.



# **Concluding remarks**

The GPA transparency and procedural rules are

 designed to promote competition, ensure non-discriminatory treatment of suppliers

• designed to give effect to the market access obligations undertaken by Parties

#### The revised text has been

• modernised,

• improved, and

• made more user-friendly.

#### The Agreement has been adapted to take account of

• the use of <u>electronic tools</u>,

- the importance of the fight against corruption, sustainability/environmental concerns,
- the need for harmonization with other international instruments.