

ANNEX E

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ON A WORK PROGRAMME ON SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT*

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 sustainable procurement;

Recognizing that several Parties have developed national and sub-national sustainable procurement policies;

Affirming the importance of ensuring that all procurement is undertaken in accordance with the principles of non-discrimination and transparency as reflected in the Agreement;

Hereby adopts a work programme with respect to sustainable procurement:

1. **Initiation of Work Programme on Sustainable Procurement:** 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 Sustainable Procurement.
2. The work programme shall examine topics that include:
 - (a) the objectives of sustainable procurement;
 - (b) the ways in which the concept of sustainable procurement is integrated into national and sub-national procurement policies;
 - (c) the ways in which sustainable procurement can be practiced in a manner consistent with the principle of "best value for money"; and
 - (d) the ways in which sustainable procurement can be practiced in a manner consistent with Parties' international trade obligations.
3. The Committee shall identify measures and policies that it considers to be sustainable procurement practiced in a manner consistent with the principle of "best value for money" and with Parties' international trade obligations and prepare a report that lists the best practices of the measures and policies.

* Annex E 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, p. 444).