

**Working Party on GATS Rules**

**NEGOTIATIONS ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT**

Report by the Chairperson of the Working Party on GATS Rules

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. On 22 July 2002, the Working Party on GATS Rules adopted a work programme on government procurement with a view to structuring its work.<sup>1</sup> Item (a) of the work programme provides for Members "to continue discussion on government procurement on the basis of submissions from Members and materials available". Moreover, Members were encouraged to "put forward submissions on government procurement as early as possible before 31 March 2003, without prejudice to Members' right to put forward further suggestions and raise relevant issues". Item (c) mandates the Chairperson to "to circulate a note by 30 June 2003 to report on the progress of work". The work programme further stipulates that the Working Party will organize its work "to prepare for the opportunity provided by the Fifth Ministerial Conference to take stock of progress made in the negotiations".

2. In organizing their work on government procurement, together with the work on emergency safeguard measures and subsidies, Members recognized that:

- (a) "The work programmes do not prejudice in any way the outcome of the respective negotiations on emergency safeguard measures, subsidies and government procurement. Members will remain free to bring up any relevant issues for discussion, including the questions of feasibility and desirability, as well as the scope of the negotiations, under any of the three subjects of negotiations.
- (b) The benchmarks for submissions are indicative, with a view to encouraging Members to put forward submissions on the respective subjects as early as possible, and would be without prejudice to Members' right to put forward further suggestions and raise relevant issues by way of submissions at any time, under any of the three subjects of negotiations.
- (c) The undertaking of individual items of work, including the question of feasibility and desirability, should be without prejudice to each other under each subject of negotiations.

Members also recognize that flexibility should be exercised in conducting the work of the Working Party and the work programmes may be adjusted in the future to take account of latest progress."<sup>2</sup>

3. This Report follows the structure of the Chairperson's Report on Negotiations on Emergency Safeguard Measures. It starts by explaining the background of the negotiations on government procurement and briefly recalls the main activities of the Working Party in these negotiations

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<sup>1</sup> S/WPGR/7, paragraph 4.

<sup>2</sup> S/WPGR/7, paragraph 1.

(Section II). Section III contains my assessment of the situation and Section IV suggestions for a possible way forward. The Report is submitted on my own responsibility, as the Chairperson of the Working Party on GATS Rules. It does not prejudge the position of any delegation, nor the general outcome of these negotiations.

## II. BACKGROUND OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

### A. NEGOTIATING MANDATE

#### 4. GATS Article XIII stipulates that

"1. Articles II, XVI and XVII shall not apply to laws, regulations or requirements governing the procurement by governmental agencies of services purchased for governmental purposes and not with a view to commercial resale or with a view to use in the supply of services for commercial sale.

2. There shall be multilateral negotiations on government procurement in services under this Agreement within two years from the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement."

5. It should be recalled that the *Guidelines and Procedures for the Negotiations on Trade in Services*, adopted on 28 March 2001 by the Special Session of the Council for Trade in Services, stipulate that " Members shall aim to complete negotiations under Articles VI:4, XIII and XV prior to the conclusion of negotiations on specific commitments."

### B. OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE WORKING PARTY

6. The issue of government procurement was first put on the agenda of the Working Party at its meeting of December 1995. Since then, this item has been on the agenda of each formal meeting of the Working Party<sup>3</sup> and was also addressed in various informal meetings.<sup>4</sup>

7. Since 1995, the negotiations under Article XIII have benefitted from written input: (i) 24 formal and 5 informal contributions from Members; (ii) a number of notes from the Chairpersons aiming at structuring the debate; and (iii) 8 formal and 2 informal notes by the Secretariat. A list of relevant documents is annexed to this Report.

8. The following paragraphs contain a brief reminder of the various themes which have been addressed since 1995, mainly based on the information provided by the Annual Reports of the Working Party to the Council for Trade in Services.<sup>5</sup>

9. In the initial phase, discussions in the Working Party addressed various aspects of possible disciplines for government procurement in services, particularly in relation to transparency. In addition, Members considered the implications of the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) for any disciplines that might be developed under the GATS, as well as some of the reasons given by Members as to why they were not signatories to the GPA.

10. Members also engaged in an information-gathering exercise in relation to national procurement regimes, meant to provide a basis for negotiations of disciplines. For that purpose, the Secretariat was requested to prepare a set of questions on information relevant to the negotiations on

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<sup>3</sup> See the reports of the formal meetings of the Working Party, S/WPGR/M/3 to S/WPGR/M/42.

<sup>4</sup> See, for instance, *Summary of Comments Made During the Informal Meeting of 29 January 2003*, Note by the Secretariat, JOB(02)/211 and *Summary of Comments Made During the Informal Meeting of 29 January 2003*, Note by the Secretariat, JOB(03)/21.

<sup>5</sup> S/WPGR/1 to 6 and S/WPGR/8.

government procurement.<sup>6</sup> Twenty-two Members responded to that questionnaire and provided information on their national procurement regimes.<sup>7</sup> The Secretariat prepared a synthesis of the first nineteen responses to the questionnaire.<sup>8</sup> An indicative tabulation relating questionnaire responses to possible elements of multilateral disciplines was presented in a Chairperson's Note<sup>9</sup> and formed the basis for the commencement of a structured consideration of these elements. New Zealand tabled an informal contribution which, based on the Chairperson's Note, raised issues arising from the application of fundamental WTO principles to government procurement in services and explored possible areas of common understanding.<sup>10</sup> The need to coordinate work with the Working Group on Transparency in Government Procurement (WGTGP) was emphasized by several delegations.<sup>11</sup>

11. In 1998 and 1999, discussions focused on definitional issues, as well as on the scope and coverage of possible disciplines on government procurement. A non-paper submitted by the European Communities and Their Member States identified three questions: When is there procurement, i.e. what transactions are covered? Who is the procuring entity? What is being procured?<sup>12</sup> Members also discussed the range of activities and entities which might be covered by Article XIII of GATS. In this context, the issue of how concessions should be treated within the GATS received particular attention. Japan circulated informal papers on concessions and on privatized entities.<sup>13</sup> The Secretariat compiled background information on the interpretation of procurement-related provisions under GATT which might be relevant for the interpretation of similar GATS provisions.<sup>14</sup> Members further emphasized the need for the Working Party to continue to coordinate work with the Working Group on Transparency in Government Procurement .

12. In 2000 and 2001, discussions continued on definitional issues, as well as on possible multilateral disciplines in this area. Based on a Chairperson's Note, Members discussed two broad options for a framework of possible disciplines: applying horizontal disciplines to all services sectors included in a Member's schedule vs. undertaking general disciplines – possibly with modifications – on a sectoral basis, thus following models developed, for instance, in the telecommunications Reference Paper.<sup>15</sup> The European Communities tabled an informal paper outlining elements, such as

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<sup>6</sup> *Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services*, Note by the Secretariat, S/WPGR/W/11. See also *Information on Government Procurement of Services*, Note by the Secretariat, S/WPGR/W/7 and Add.1.

<sup>7</sup> The following Members replied to the questionnaire (in chronological order): Norway; Switzerland; Brazil; New Zealand; Japan; United States; Canada; Colombia; Hong Kong, China; European Communities and Their Members States; Australia; Poland; Republic of Korea; India; Chile; Singapore; Hungary; Mexico; Argentina; Peru; Turkey; and Costa Rica. See documents S/WPGR/W/11/Add. 1 to 22.

<sup>8</sup> *Synthesis of the Responses to the Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services*, Note by the Secretariat, S/WPGR/W/20.

<sup>9</sup> *Government Procurement of Services: Relating Responses to the Questionnaire to Possible Disciplines*, Job No. 1056, 21 February 1997.

<sup>10</sup> *Government Procurement of Services*, Non-Paper from New Zealand, Job No. 5446 (30 September 1997).

<sup>11</sup> The Working Group on Transparency in Government Procurement was established by a decision at the WTO Ministerial Conference held in Singapore, in December 1996, "to conduct a study on transparency in government procurement practices, taking into account national policies, and, based on this study, to develop elements for inclusion in an appropriate agreement". The Working Group held its first formal meeting in May 1997.

<sup>12</sup> *Government Procurement of Services*, Non-Paper from the European Communities and Their Member States, 13 February 1998 (no Job No.).

<sup>13</sup> *Informal Comments on Concessions*, Job No. 2867 (18 May 1999) and *Negotiations on Government Procurement Under Article XIII of the GATS*, Job No. 6789 (12 November 1999).

<sup>14</sup> *Interpretation of Procurement-Related Provisions in GATT – Possible Application to Article XIII of GATS*, Background Note by the Secretariat, S/WPGR/W/29.

<sup>15</sup> Note from the Chairperson, Job No. 782 (11 February 2000).

non-discrimination and transparency, for a possible framework for government procurement of services.<sup>16</sup>

13. Over the last twelve months, Members focused on a Communication from the European Communities and Their Member States on government procurement of services, which proposed a framework including general and sector-specific rules, as well as the suggestion that each Member undertake commitments on market access and national treatment in respect of government procurement of services.<sup>17</sup> At the meeting of 13-14 May 2003, the European Communities presented a legal framework for negotiations on government procurement in services and circulated it in written form on 22 May 2003.<sup>18</sup>

14. In addition, various Members raised the issue of the scope of the mandate contained in Article XIII and noted that, in their view, Article XIII excluded MFN treatment, market access and national treatment from the scope of the negotiations. Other Members replied that the Article XIII mandate did not contain such an exclusion. The need to avoid duplication with the WGTGP and how information could be exchanged between the WGTGP and the Working Party on GATS Rules was also discussed. Pursuant to a request by the Working Party at the May meeting, the Secretariat prepared a Note on *Overview of Government Procurement-Related Provisions in Economic Integration Agreements*,<sup>19</sup> for discussion at the July meeting.

### III. ASSESSMENT

15. As I indicated during the formal meeting of the Working Party in May 2003, I conducted a series of consultations with Members from all regions and development stages on their particular views, expectations and apprehensions regarding the current WPGR negotiations on government procurement under Article XIII. In addition to the information gathered in the informal consultations, I also received a lot of comments from Members that contacted me directly. On this basis, my assessment of the negotiations on government procurement is the following:

16. The issue of government procurement is particularly important for some Members, but less so for others. It has been dormant for some time due, in part, to the special attention that the Working Party has devoted to the negotiations on emergency safeguard measures. This reflected in a limited amount of proposals by Members, as well as the relatively low levels of participation during meetings.

17. Over the last 12 months, the momentum has improved somewhat and more engagement could be seen in the debates. Three different positions seem to exist on this subject. A first group of delegations wants to engage as soon as possible in meaningful debates that would lead to the establishment of disciplines on services procurement, in particular with respect to market access. These delegations are of the view that the mandate contained in Article XIII includes negotiations on market access and national treatment.

18. A second group of delegations is of the view that the mandate contained in Article XIII does not entail negotiations of disciplines under either Articles II, XVI and XVII. Moreover, this group is not convinced that such disciplines would yield any benefit, in particular for developing country Members. Some are also concerned that more sectors would be opened in their markets, while no substantial progress is seen in other areas of pivotal interest for them.

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<sup>16</sup> *Government Procurement of Services – Possible Development of Multilateral Disciplines*, Communication from the European Communities and Their Members States, Job No. 4021 (26 June 2000).

<sup>17</sup> *Government Procurement of Services*, Communication from the European Communities and Their Member States, S/WPGR/W/39.

<sup>18</sup> *Government Procurement of Services*, Communication from the European Communities, S/WPGR/W/42.

<sup>19</sup> S/WPGR/W/44.

19. Between these two positions, other delegations consider that government procurement may present trade opportunities and, thus, do not exclude the possibility of negotiating procurement disciplines on market access and national treatment at a later stage. Among them, some delegations want to avoid duplication with ongoing negotiations in the Working Group on Transparency in Government Procurement and suggest that work should proceed in priority in this latter Group. Other Members have also expressed the concern of having a market access and national treatment negotiations in government procurement without having some kind of protection for procurement services providers in their respective markets.

20. Any further developments in this negotiation is directly related to the willingness of all parties involved to agree on specific aims. Proposals by Members, material prepared by the Secretariat and documents available from other groups or institutions continue to form the basis for the debate. These resources will have to be used to the maximum extent possible, keeping in mind the need to accommodate the objectives and concerns of all Members.

21. It may be now necessary for the Working Party to determine its degree of ambition in these negotiations. The Working Party needs to hear from more Members on this particular issue. Therefore, I urge all Members to express their views, and present proposals and counter-proposals to give a clearer picture of their needs and expectations. This would benefit the *demandeurs* since it would provide them the opportunity to present alternatives or clarifications on issues of concern to other Members. At the same time, sceptical delegations would have the opportunity to elaborate on their interpretation of the negotiating mandate and/or the developmental effects of procurement disciplines under the GATS.

#### **IV. WAY FORWARD**

22. It is advisable to continue basing our work on Member's inputs and material from the Secretariat. Inputs from other groups or institutions should be welcome, as long as they do not prejudice Members' position and do not duplicate work within the Working Party.

23. To the extent necessary, informal meetings should be held prior to the formal meetings of the Working Party in order to give more time for debates in informal mode.

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**ANNEX**

List of documents related to the negotiations under GATS Article XIII

**I. REPORTS OF MEETINGS**

A. ANNUAL REPORTS

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
S/WPGR/1	Activities of the WPGR – Report to the CTS	23 October 1996
S/WPGR/2	Activities of the WPGR – Report to the CTS	26 November 1997
S/WPGR/3	Report of the WPGR to the CTS	3 December 1998
S/WPGR/4	Report of the WPGR to the CTS	26 October 1999
S/WPGR/5	Report of the WPGR to the CTS	24 November 2000
S/WPGR/6	Report of the WPGR to the CTS	4 October 2001
S/WPGR/7	Work Programmes - Adopted by the WPGR on 22 July 2002	25 July 2002
S/WPGR/8	Report of the WPGR to the CTS (2002)	5 December 2002

B. REPORTS OF FORMAL MEETINGS

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>	<b>Date</b>
S/WPGR/M/3	Report of the Meeting of 8 December 1995	Note by the Secretariat	21 December 1995
S/WPGR/M/4	Report of the Meeting of 23 February 1996	Note by the Secretariat	19 March 1996
S/WPGR/M/5	Report of the Meeting of 28 March 1996	Note by the Secretariat	13 May 1996
S/WPGR/M/6	Report of the Meeting of 3 June 1996	Note by the Secretariat	22 July 1996
S/WPGR/M/7	Report of the Meeting of 29 July 1996	Note by the Secretariat	19 September 1996
S/WPGR/M/8	Report of the Meeting of 8 & 14 October 1996	Note by the Secretariat	13 December 1996
S/WPGR/M/9	Report of the Meeting of 23 January 1997	Note by the Secretariat	7 March 1997
S/WPGR/M/10	Report of the Meeting of 13 March 1997	Note by the Secretariat	1 May 1997
S/WPGR/M/11	Report of the Meeting of 22 May 1997	Note by the Secretariat	30 June 1997
S/WPGR/M/12	Report of the Meeting of 23 July 1997	Note by the Secretariat	3 September 1997
S/WPGR/M/13	Report of the Meeting of 1 October 1997	Note by the Secretariat	19 November 1997
S/WPGR/M/14	Report of the Meeting of 26 November 1997	Note by the Secretariat	2 December 1997
S/WPGR/M/15	Report of the Meeting of 13 February 1998	Note by the Secretariat	27 February 1998
S/WPGR/M/16	Report of the Meeting of 27 April 1998	Note by the Secretariat	10 June 1998
S/WPGR/M/17	Report of the Meeting of 23 June 1998	Note by the Secretariat	31 July 1998

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>	<b>Date</b>
S/WPGR/M/18	Report of the Meeting of 6 October 1998	Note by the Secretariat	13 November 1998
S/WPGR/M/19	Report of the Meeting of 1 December 1998	Note by the Secretariat	21 January 1999
S/WPGR/M/20	Report of the Meeting of 19 February 1999	Note by the Secretariat	17 March 1999
S/WPGR/M/21	Report of the Meeting of 16 April 1999	Note by the Secretariat	7 May 1999
S/WPGR/M/22	Report of the Meeting of 19 May 1999	Note by the Secretariat	15 June 1999
S/WPGR/M/23	Report of the Meeting of 21 June 1999	Note by the Secretariat	6 July 1999
S/WPGR/M/24	Report of the Meeting of 27 July 1999	Note by the Secretariat	8 September 1999
S/WPGR/M/25	Report of the Meeting of 8 October 1999	Note by the Secretariat	2 November 1999
S/WPGR/M/26	Report of the Meeting of 24 March 2000	Note by the Secretariat	20 April 2000
S/WPGR/M/27	Report of the Meeting of 4-5 May 2000	Note by the Secretariat	6 June 2000
S/WPGR/M/28	Report of the Meeting of 7 July 2000	Note by the Secretariat	4 August 2000
S/WPGR/M/29	Report of the Meeting of 27 September 2000	Note by the Secretariat	9 October 2000
S/WPGR/M/30	Report of the Meeting of 30 November 2000	Note by the Secretariat	22 December 2000
S/WPGR/M/31	Report of the Meeting of 21 March 2000	Note by the Secretariat	6 April 2001
S/WPGR/M/32	Report of the Meeting of 10 May 2001	Note by the Secretariat	17 May 2001
S/WPGR/M/33	Report of the Meeting of 2 July 2001	Note by the Secretariat	10 July 2001
S/WPGR/M/34	Report of the Meeting of 3 October 2001	Note by the Secretariat	10 October 2001
S/WPGR/M/35	Report of the Meeting of 28 November 2001	Note by the Secretariat	7 December 2001
S/WPGR/M/36	Report of the Meeting of 13 and 15 March 2002	Note by the Secretariat	3 April 2002
S/WPGR/M/37	Report of the Meeting of 3 June 2002	Note by the Secretariat	26 June 2002
S/WPGR/M/38	Report of the Meeting of 15 July 2002	Note by the Secretariat	26 July 2002
S/WPGR/M/39	Report of the Meeting of 23 October 2002	Note by the Secretariat	12 November 2002
S/WPGR/M/40	Report of the Meeting of 3 December 2002	Note by the Secretariat	23 December 2002
S/WPGR/M/41 + Corr.1	Report of the Meeting of 25 February 2003	Note by the Secretariat	12 March 2003
S/WPGR/M/42	Report of the Meeting of 13 May 2003	Note by the Secretariat	19 June 2003

C. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS MADE DURING INFORMAL MEETINGS

Job Number	Title	Submitted by	Date
JOB(02)/211	Summary of Comments Made During the Informal Meeting of 22 November 2002	Note by the Secretariat	13 December 2002
JOB(03)/21	Summary of Comments Made During the Informal Meeting of 29 January 2003	Note by the Secretariat	7 February 2003

II. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED BY DELEGATIONS

A. FORMAL DOCUMENTS

Symbol	Submitted by	Title	Date
S/WPGR/W/--11/Add.1 + Corr.1	Communication from Norway	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	20 June 1996
--11/Add.2	Communication from Switzerland	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	10 July 1996
--11/Add.3	Communication from Brazil	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	2 September 1996
--11/Add.4	Communication from New Zealand	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	30 September 1996
--11/Add.5	Communication from Japan	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	27 September 1996
--11/Add.6	Communication from US	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	21 October 1996
--11/Add.7	Communication from Canada	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	4 October 1996
--11/Add.8	Communication from Colombia	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	4 October 1996
--11/Add.9	Communication from Hong Kong	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	7 October 1996
--11/Add.10	Communication from the European Communities and their Member States	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	2 December 1996
--11/Add.11	Communication from Australia	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	2 January 1997
--11/Add.12	Communication from Poland	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	10 December 1996
--11/Add.13 + Corr.1	Communication from Korea	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	10 December 1996
--11/Add.14	Communication from India	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	17 January 1997
--11/Add.15	Communication from Chile	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	21 January 1997
--11/Add.16	Communication from Singapore	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	6 March 1997
--11/Add.17	Communication from Hungary	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	13 March 1997
--11/Add.18	Communication from Mexico	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	13 March 1997

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
--11/Add.19	Communication from Argentina	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	2 May 1997
--11/Add.20	Communication from Peru	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services - Addendum	15 August 1997
--11/Add.21	Communication from Turkey	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services – Addendum	10 September 1997
--11/Add.22	Communication from Costa Rica	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services – Addendum	3 April 1998
S/WPGR/W/39	Communication from the European Communities and their Member States	Government Procurement of Services	12 July 2002
S/WPGR/W/42	Communication from the European Communities	Government Procurement of Services	22 May 2003

B. INFORMAL DOCUMENTS

<b>Job Number</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Job 5446	Non-Paper from New Zealand	Government Procurement of Services	30 Sept. 1997
[no number]	Non-paper from the European Communities and their Member States	Paper on Government Procurement	13 February 1998
Job 2867	Communication from Japan	Informal comments on Concessions	18 May 1999
Job 6789	Communication from Japan	Negotiations on Government Procurement Under Article XIII of the GATS	12 November 1999
Job 4021	Communication from the European Communities and their Member States	Government Procurement of Services – Possible Development of Multilateral Disciplines	26 June 2000

III. NOTES BY THE CHAIRPERSON

<b>Job Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
[no number]	Note by the Chairman + Draft Questions on Government Procurement of services (Informal note by the Secretariat)	12 March 1996
[no number]	Meeting of the Working Party on GATS Rules dated 28 March 1996	2 April 1996
Job 1056	Note from the Chairperson. Government Procurement of Services: Relating Responses to the Questionnaire to Possible disciplines	21 February 1997
Job 779	Note from the Chairperson. (WPGR general + list of WPGR documents)	10 February 1998
Job 3294	Note from the Chairperson (safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	15 June 1998
Job 5169	Note from the Chairperson (safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	22 September 1998
Job 772	Note from the Chairperson (safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	10 February 1999

<b>Job Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Job 1998	Note from the Chairperson (safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	8 April 1999
Job 2803	Note from the Chairperson (safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	11 May 1999
Job 3432	Note from the Chairman (safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	15 June 1999
Job 4141	Note from the Chairman (safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	12 July 1999
Job 5332	Note from the Chairperson (safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	16 September 1999
Job 782	Note from the Chairperson (safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	14 February 2000
Job 2598	Note from Chairperson (safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	28 April 2000
Job 4058	Note from the Chairperson – Meeting on 7 July 00 (safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	27 June 2000
Job 5538	Note from the Chairperson – Meeting of 27 September 00 – ESM, subsidies and government procurement	15 September 2000
Job 7352	Annotated Agenda from the Chairperson – Meeting of 30 November 2000 – Negotiations on safeguards, subsidies and government procurement	17 November 2000
JOB(01)/35	Annotated agenda from the Chairperson on meeting on 21 March 2001 (safeguards, subsidies and government procurement)	14 March 2001
JOB(01)/58	Annotated agenda from the Chairperson – Meeting on 10 May 2001 – ESM, subsidies and government procurement	1 May 2001
JOB(01)/95	Annotated agenda from the Chairperson – Meeting on 2 July 2001 – ESM, subsidies and government procurement	21 June 2001
JOB(02)/43	<i>Neg. under Art. X, XIII and XV</i> - Annotated agenda from the Chairperson Designate (formal meeting of 3 June 2002)	24 May 2002
JOB(02)/82 + Rev.1 & Rev.2	Note from the Chairperson – Draft Work Programme (ESM, subsidies and government procurement)	12 July 2002
JOB(02)/83	Annotated Agenda from the Chairperson – Meeting of 15 July 02 (ESM, subsidies and government procurement)	12 July 2002
JOB(02)/144	Meeting of 23 October 2002 – Annotated Agenda from the Chairperson (safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	16 October 2002
JOB(02)/202	Annotated Agenda from the Chairperson, Meeting of 3 December 2002 (Annual report, safeguards, subsidies, government procurement)	3 December 2002
JOB(03)/30	Annotated Agenda from the Chairperson, Meeting of 25 February 2003 (safeguards, government procurement and subsidies)	14 February 2003

#### IV. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS BY THE SECRETARIAT

##### A. FORMAL NOTES

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
S/WPGR/W/3	Government Procurement of Services	8 November 1995
S/WPGR/W/7	Information on Government Procurement of Services	2 February 96
--/W/7/Add.1	<i>Idem</i> – Addendum	22 February 1996
S/WPGR/W/11	Questionnaire on Government Procurement of Services	2 April 1996
S/WPGR/W/20	Synthesis of the responses to the questionnaire on government	7 July 1997

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
	procurement of services	
S/WPGR/W/21	APEC Surveys on Government Procurement Systems	15 July 1997
S/WPGR/W/29	Interpretation of procurement-related provisions in GATT – Possible Application to Article XIII of GATS	31 March 1999
S/WPGR/W/44	Overview of Government Procurement-Related Provisions in Economic Integration Agreements	24 June 2003

B. INFORMAL NOTES

<b>Job Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Job 7053	List of documents of the Working Group on Transparency in Government Procurement and the Committee on Government Procurement (no translation)	7 November 2000
Job 7072	Services covered under Annexes 4 and 5 of Appendix 1 of the parties of the Agreement on Government Procurement – By Secretariat (no translation)	8 November 2000

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