

CHAPTER 6 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

ARTICLE 6.1

Scope and Coverage

1. The rights and obligations of the Parties in respect of government procurement shall be governed by the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (hereinafter referred to as “the GPA”).

2. The Parties agree to co-operate in the Joint Committee with the aim of increasing the mutual understanding of their respective government procurement systems, and achieving further liberalisation and mutual opening up of their government procurement markets.

ARTICLE 6.2

Exchange of Information

To facilitate communication between the Parties on any matter regarding government procurement, contact points, responsible for providing information on the rules and regulations in the field of government procurement, are listed in Annex XII.

ARTICLE 6.3

Further Negotiations

1. Upon conclusion of bilateral negotiations between the Parties on further liberalisation of their respective government procurement markets in the framework of the negotiations aimed at amending the GPA, such liberalisation, including provisions from the agreement amending the main part of the GPA in so far as they are relevant for these additional liberalisations, shall be included in this Agreement. The Joint Committee shall take a decision to this effect within three months after conclusion of these bilateral negotiations. This decision shall be subject to ratification or acceptance by the Parties.

2. If a Party grants to a non-Party, after the entry into force of this Agreement, additional benefits with regard to the access to its government procurement markets, this Party shall agree to enter into negotiations on the possible extension of these benefits to another Party on a reciprocal basis.