ARTICLE Kbis-17

Public Information

1. In order to facilitate access to information on commercial opportunities under this Chapter, each Party shall ensure that electronic databases that provide current information on all procurements covered by this Chapter that are conducted by entities listed in Annex K*bis*-01, including information that can be disaggregated by detailed categories of goods and services, are made available to interested suppliers of the other Party, through the Internet or a comparable computer-based telecommunications network. Each Party shall, on request of the other Party, provide information on:

- the classification system used to disaggregate information on procurement of different goods and services in such databases; and
- (b) the procedures for obtaining access to such databases.

2. For each covered procurement, a procuring entity shall publish a notice of intended procurement through the Internet or a comparable electronic network that is widely disseminated and readily accessible to the public. Each Party shall maintain a gateway electronic site that includes links to all notices of procuring entities.

3. Each Party shall encourage its entities to publish, as early as possible in the fiscal year, information regarding the entity's procurement plans.

ARTICLE Kbis-18

Committee on Procurement

The Parties hereby establish a Committee on Procurement to address matters such as increasing the understanding of their respective government procurement systems, with a view to maximizing access to government procurement.