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b) Provincial

18 There has been an increasing tendency for Canadian provinces to give some form of preference to local suppliers when effecting government purchases, usually based on the rationale that provincial governments are important agents of economic development within their respective jurisdictions. Preferences maintained by the provinces range from a preference for provincial suppliers where price, quality and service are equal (Alberta) to an absolute preference for provincial suppliers when possible (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, and, in certain circumstances, Ontario). Moreover, provincial Crown Corporations generally follow practices similar to that of the Province. A brief description of known provincial practices is contained in Annex E. (See also paragraph 38 on practices of provincial utilities.)

III. Previous Bilateral Initiatives

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