

*Notice of proposed purchase and tender documentation*

3. Entities shall publish a notice of each proposed purchase in the appropriate publication listed in Annex II. Such notice shall constitute an invitation to participate in either open or selective tendering procedures.

4. Each notice of proposed purchase shall contain the following information:

- (a) the nature and quantity of the products to be supplied, or envisaged to be purchased in the case of contracts of a recurring nature;
- (b) whether the procedure is open or selective;
- (c) any delivery date;
- (d) the address and final date for submitting an application to be invited to tender or for qualifying for the suppliers' lists, or for receiving tenders, as well as the language or languages in which they must be submitted;
- (e) the address of the entity awarding the contract and providing any information necessary for obtaining specifications and other documents;
- (f) any economic and technical requirements, financial guarantees and information required from suppliers;
- (g) the amount and terms of payment of any sum payable for the tender documentation.

The entity shall publish in one of the official languages of the GATT a summary of the notice of proposed purchase containing at least the following:

- (i) subject matter of the contract;
- (ii) time-limits set for the submission of tenders or an application to be invited to tender; and
- (iii) addresses from which documents relating to the contracts may be requested.

5. To ensure optimum effective international competition under selective tendering procedures, entities shall, for each proposed purchase, invite tenders from the maximum number of domestic and foreign suppliers, consistent with the efficient operation of the procurement system. They shall select the suppliers to participate in the procedure in a fair and non-discriminatory manner.

6. (a) In the case of selective tendering procedures, entities maintaining permanent lists of qualified suppliers shall publish annually in one of the publications listed in Annex III, a notice of the following:

- (i) the enumeration of the lists maintained, including their headings, in relation to the products or categories of products to be purchased through the lists;