

## ANNEX E

### DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ON A WORK PROGRAMME ON SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT\*

Decision of 30 March 2012

The Committee on Government Procurement,

*Noting* that Article XXII:8(a) of the Agreement on Government Procurement (Agreement) provides that the Parties shall adopt and periodically review a work programme, including a work programme on sustainable procurement;

*Recognizing* that several Parties have developed national and sub-national sustainable procurement policies;

*Affirming* the importance of ensuring that all procurement is undertaken in accordance with the principles of non-discrimination and transparency as reflected in the Agreement;

*Hereby* adopts a work programme with respect to sustainable procurement:

1. **Initiation of Work Programme on Sustainable Procurement:** At the first meeting of the Committee after the entry into force of the Protocol of Amendment to the Existing (1994) Agreement, the Committee shall initiate a Work Programme on Sustainable Procurement.
2. The work programme shall examine topics that include:
  - (a) the objectives of sustainable procurement;
  - (b) the ways in which the concept of sustainable procurement is integrated into national and sub-