Reference Material III-4

Initiative on Future Management of Government Procurement

November 28, 2008 Voluntary Review Meeting

The Voluntary Review Meeting reports the Initiative on Future Management of Government Procurement to the Committee for Drawing Up and Promoting the Action Program as follows, considering the results of the follow-up study on the implementation of voluntary measures on government procurement and the hearing of requests and opinions from suppliers.

- 1. It must be notified that open tendering runs in principle. Otherwise when single tendering is applied exceptionally, efforts will be made to apply the conditions in Article 15 of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement more strictly to each contract.
- 2. According to Article 18 of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement, notices of information on contract awards should be published in the official gazette ("Kanpo") not later than 72 days after the award of each contract. The procuring entity will make continuous efforts to publish notices without delay or omission after the award of each contract.
- 3. Efforts will continue to be made to notify suppliers of any cancellation or change in intended procurement or bidding announcement without delay or omission in the official gazette ("Kanpo") or website for their convenience.