

Reference Material III-4

Initiative on Future Management of Government Procurement

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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. With regard to prescribing technical specifications of procurement for telecommunications products and services and for medical technology products and services, efforts will be made to steadily implement the following regulation of voluntary measures;
 - (i) Place greater emphasis on performance rather than design.
 - (ii) Base the specifications on international standards, where such exist.
 - (iii) Not require features not essential to the performance criteria.
 - (iv) Formulate specifications in an impartial manner.
3. With regard to the application of the Overall Greatest Value (OGV) Evaluation Method, further efforts will be made to inform of the standard guides in each procurement field as a way to secure the transparency of procedures, and to work to ensure that the evaluation criteria for factors other than price and the distribution of marks are appropriate for each case, staying within the scope of the Standard Guides.

In addition, efforts will be made to allow the paperwork to be carried out more efficiently, for both the procuring side as well as the suppliers, by, for example, keeping the number of materials requester for OGV Evaluation to a minimum and only to those needed to evaluate factors such as performance.
4. Efforts will be made to publicize, as soon as possible, information on scheduled cases valued 100,000 SDR or more that has been added in line with supplementary budgets and other factors.