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THE THRESHOLDS IN APPENDIX I OF THE AGREEMENT AS EXPRESSED IN NATIONAL CURRENCIES FOR 1998/1999

Addendum

NORWAY

In pursuance of the agreed procedures (GPA/1, Annex 3), delegations have been invited to notify their respective national thresholds for the period 1998-1999.

The information notified by Norway is reproduced below.

The calculation of the threshold values of the WTO Agreement in NOK has been based on the average daily exchange rates for SDR to ECU and ECU to NOK over 24 months from September 1995 through August 1997. The average exchange rates are:

1 SDR = 1.03011 ECU
1 ECU = 8.14790 NOK
thus, 1 SDR = 8.39322 NOK

These exchange rates give the following threshold values:

	Supplies and Services Annex 1 entities	Supplies and services Annex 2 entities	Supplies and services Annex 3 entities	Works All entities
Threshold in GPA in SDR	130,000	200,000	400,000	5,000,000
Threshold in GPA in NOK	1,091,118	1,678,643	3,357,286	41,966,072
Threshold in EEA in ECU	200,000	200,000	400,000	5,000,000
Threshold in EEA in NOK	1,629,580	1,629,580	3,259,160	40,739,500
Threshold in Norway in NOK	1,000,000	1,600,000	3,200,000	40,000,000

The value of SDR in NOK has on average been higher than the value of ECU in NOK in the 24 months on which the calculation is based, making the GPA threshold higher than the thresholds for the EEA/EU; except for Annex 1 entities, which have a comparably lower threshold by the GPA than by EEA. In order to comply with both the WTO-GPA and the EEA Agreement with a single set of threshold values, Norway has determined to set rounded thresholds based on the lowest threshold values for Annex 2 and Annex 3 entities and for works contracts.