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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Committee on Government Procurement on the adoption of its rules of procedure for the selection of the Chairperson

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/...

of...

**establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union
within the Committee on Government Procurement
on the adoption of its rules of procedure for the selection of the Chairperson**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(4), first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement on Government Procurement is a plurilateral agreement, within the framework of the World Trade Organization, which aims to mutually open government procurement markets among its Parties. The revised version of that Agreement entered into force on 6 April 2014 ('the Revised GPA').
- (2) Article XXI:1 of the Revised GPA establishes a Committee on Government Procurement ('the Committee') for the purpose of affording Parties the opportunity to consult on any matter relating to the operation of the Revised GPA or the furtherance of its objectives.
- (3) Article XXI:1 of the Revised GPA provides that the Committee is to elect its own Chairperson.
- (4) The draft rules of procedure for the selection of the Chairperson were distributed by the Committee on 12 May 2023.
- (5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Committee on the adoption of its rules of procedure as those rules will be binding on the Union.
- (6) The draft rules of procedure for the selection of the Chairperson, distributed by the Committee on 12 May 2023, should therefore be adopted in order to regulate the functioning of the Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Committee on Government Procurement established by the Agreement on Government Procurement shall be to support the adoption of its rules of procedure for the selection of the Chairperson.

The text of those rules of procedure is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
