

# The GPA: potential market access and social benefits for Asian economies

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### The GPA: What are the benefits?



Legally ensured market access to the procurement markets of other Parties'

Benefits of internal reform according to principles of integrity, transparency, and non-discrimination

Double benefit: external and internal!

#### Market access: How much?



How much you get... depends on the size of procurement markets covered by the GPA.

- oUnder the GPA 1994:
  - an estimated USD 1.6 trillion market or around 2.5% of World GDP (2008) of which approximately 75% come from the two largest GPA Parties (US and EU).
- oWith the coming into force of the revised GPA:
  - Further expansion of coverage by USD 80-100 billion per year
- oPossibe accessions

### What has been added in the revised GPA



- Additional coverage of more than 400 new entities (in total, across Parties);
- New coverage of BOTs/public works concessions by three Parties;
- Expanded coverage of goods and/or services by all Parties, including new coverage of telecommunications services by eight Parties;
- Full coverage of construction services by all Parties, for the first time; and
- Reductions by several Parties in the thresholds applied under the 1994 Agreement.

## What is expected from upcoming accessions?



- Recently concluded accession negotiations:
  - New Zealand
  - Montenegro
- Accessions which are technically possible in the coming years:
  - o Moldova
  - Ukraine
  - o China
- Accessions being prepared/to be initiated:
  - o Russia
  - o Tajikistan
  - o Australia



#### What potential benefits?

→ The benefits ... depend, in practice, on your suppliers' interests and competitiveness.

### Quantifying GPA market access opportunities



#### Possible key steps:

- <u>Step 1</u>: Determine your suppliers interests and strength: in which sectors are they competitive? What areas are of interest? (Survey?)
- <u>Step 2:</u> Determine which GPA Parties provide market access in sectors/areas of interest. (GPA coverage schedules)
- Step 3: Estimate the potential market size/value of those areas/sectors of interest. (Statistics)
- Step 4: Compute estimated success rate

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