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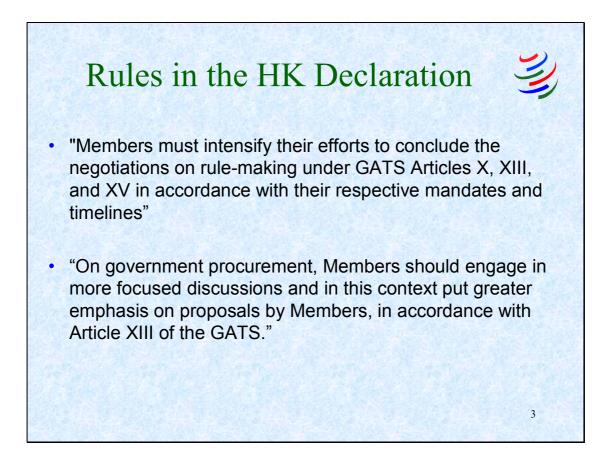
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WTO Trade in Services Division

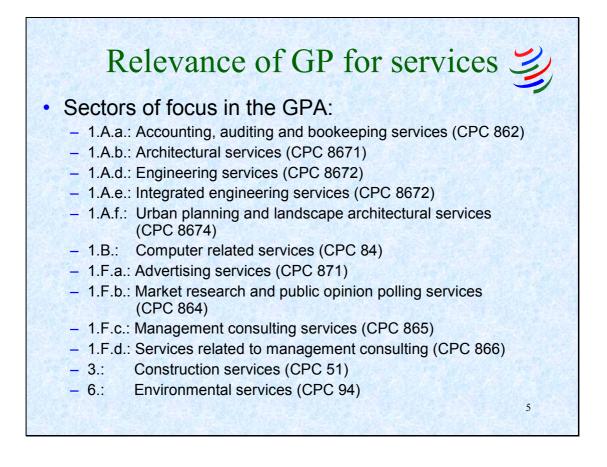
Article XIII Government Procurement

"1. Article II, XVI and XVII shall not apply to laws, regulations or requirements governing the procurement by governmental agencies of services purchased for governmental purposes and not with a view to commercial resale or with a view to use in the supply of services for commercial sale.

2. There shall be multilateral negotiations on government procurement in services under this Agreement within two years form the date of entry into force of the WTO."

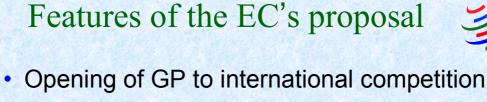










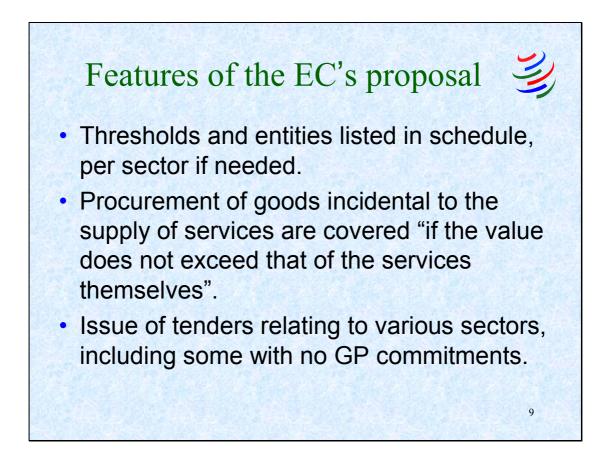


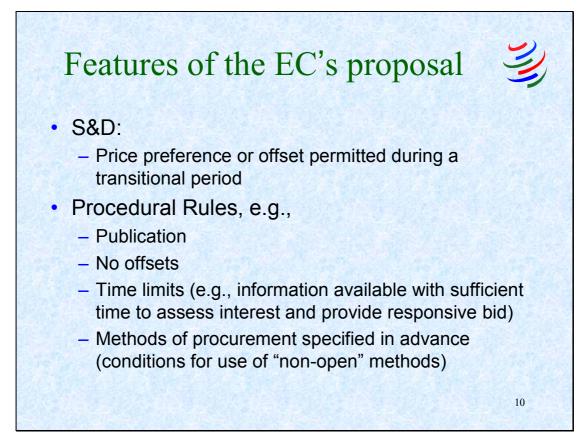
- Take GP commitments per sector, per mode.
- Articulation between GP commitment and MA-NT commitment.

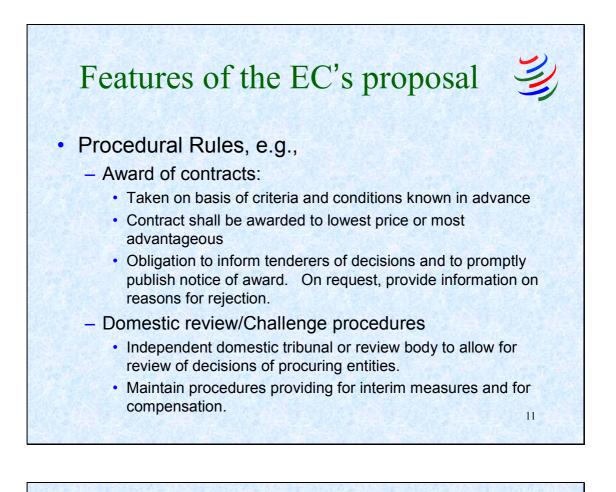
• MFN

- Possibility to take exemptions; exception for GPA treatment; Article V.
- Procedural rules
 - Only apply for sectors with GP commitments

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Some Issues Raised

- Link with GPA (e.g., reciprocity conditions)
- MFN issues
 - Relationship between commitments and MFN derogations
- Scheduling approach: relevance of modal distinctions, types of limitations, additional commitments?
- Scope of the negotiating mandate

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