EC/Israel agreement: government and telecommunications operators procurement

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OBJECTIVE: conclusion of two agreements between the Community and Israel on procurement by telecommunications operators and government procurement. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 97/474/EC concerning the conclusion of two agreements between the Community and Israel on, respectively, procurement by telecommunications operators and government procurement. SUBSTANCE: These two agreements are approved on behalf of the Community and concern public contracts for supplies, works and other services. The agreement on telecommunications procurement seeks to ensure in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner that producers and suppliers of services of the 2 parties enjoy reciprocal access to contracts for products and services awarded by telecommunications operators. It applies to laws, regulations and practices affecting procurement by the parties' telecommunications operators and to the award of all procurement contracts by such operators (a list of the operators covered is annexed to the agreement). The agreement on government procurement is intended to complement and broaden the scope of the respective commitments entered into by the European Community and Israel in the Government Procurement Agreement of 1996 and to improve access to their respective procurement markets. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.08.1997.