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主旨：陳報美國貿易代表署(USTR)歡迎我國加入WTO政府採購協定(GPA)事，請查照。

說明：

- 一、美國貿易代表署(USTR)於本(12)月1日發布新聞稿，歡迎我國完成加入WTO政府採購協定(GPA)之諮商，並已於上週五向WTO提交入會文件。USTR發言人Gretchen Hamel表示，美方樂見本案長期諮商工作已告完成，盼其他GPA會員能於本(12)月9日WTO/GPA委員會中支持通過我GPA入會案。我國加入GPA，將實現2002年我國加入WTO時之承諾。
- 二、該新聞稿續指出，GPA係WTO複邊協定，目前適用於40個WTO會員，我國加入GPA後將成為第41個GPA簽署國。GPA協定要求各簽署國對來自其他簽署國之產品及服務採購給予國民待遇，並恪遵公平、透明化及可預測性等政府採購相關規範與程序。
- 三、我國加入GPA後，美商企業將可在GPA架構下擴大參與我國政府採購市場，2006年我政府採購案件總金額超過180億美元，2007年則超過210億美元。另我國廠商亦得以進入超過3,000億美元之美國政府採購市場，目前該市場僅開放適用於GPA會員及雙邊FTA夥伴。
- 四、檢送USTR本日發布新聞稿如附件，請併參。

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USTR Statement on Taiwan's Accession to the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement

The Office of the United States Trade Representative welcomes the completion of negotiations on Taiwan's accession to the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA). Last Friday Taiwan submitted to the WTO Secretariat in Geneva its final offer of the procurement that it will cover under the GPA, which reflects the conclusion of long and intense negotiations. It is expected that the WTO Committee on Government Procurement will give formal approval to Taiwan's accession to the GPA at its next meeting, scheduled for December 9, in Geneva.

Gretchen Hamel, a spokesperson for USTR, said "The United States is pleased that the long negotiations have been completed and looks forward to joining other GPA signatories in approving Taiwan's accession to the GPA next week."

The GPA is a plurilateral WTO agreement, which currently applies to 40 WTO Members. Taiwan will become the 41st WTO Member to join the plurilateral Agreement. The GPA requires its signatories to give national treatment to the goods, services and suppliers of the other signatories. The Agreement also requires procurements to be conducted in a fair, transparent and predictable manner in accordance with specified principles and procedures.

With its accession to the GPA, Taiwan will have fulfilled a commitment that it made when it became a WTO member in 2002.

Taiwan's accession will mean U.S. firms will gain access to the extensive procurement that Taiwan will cover under the GPA. Chinese Taipei's government procurement market was valued at more than \$18 billion in 2006 and \$21 billion in 2007. When Taiwan accedes to the GPA, its firms will also gain access to more than \$300 billion in U.S. government procurement, which is open only to GPA Members and bilateral free trade agreement partners.