SECTION B

Japan

In accordance with Articles 10.2 and 10.3, Chapter 10 applies, in addition to the procurement covered by Japan's annexes to Appendix I to the GPA, to the procurement covered by this Section other than procurement by the entities set out in paragraph 2 which are subject to special rules specified in that paragraph.

The Notes in Japan's Annexes 1 to 7 to Appendix I to the GPA also apply to the procurement covered by this Section, unless otherwise provided for in this Section.

1. Procurement in relation to Japan's Annex 2 to Appendix I to the GPA (the Sub-Central Government Entities)

In addition to procurement by the entities listed in Japan's Annex 2 to Appendix I to the GPA:

(a) Procurement by Kumamoto-shi of goods and services specified in Japan's Annexes 4 to 6 to Appendix I to the GPA. The thresholds for the procurement are those set out in Japan's Annex 2 to Appendix I to the GPA.

(b) Procurement of goods and services specified in Japan's Annexes 4 to 6 to Appendix I to the GPA by the local independent administrative agencies. The thresholds for the procurement are as those set out in Japan's Annex 2 to Appendix I to the GPA.

Note to subparagraph (b)

In order to ensure the implementation of commitments by the local independent administrative agencies in this subparagraph, the Government of Japan, in tandem with local governments, shall take measures under the laws and regulations of Japan.

For the purpose of this subparagraph, "local independent administrative agency" means a local independent administrative agency which is covered by the Local Independent Administrative Agency Act (Law No. 118 of 2003), and established by a single entity listed in Japan's Annex 2 to Appendix I to the GPA or Kumamoto-shi under the Act.

For reference purposes, the list of local independent administrative agencies covered by this subparagraph as of 1 February 2018 is as follows:

(1) Hokkaido Research Organization
(2) Sapporo Medical University
(3) Aomori Prefectural Industrial Technology Research Center