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PROCUREMENT OF ANTARCTIC RESEARCH VESSEL WITH ICE-BREAKING
CAPABILITY BY UNITED STATES NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Submission by Finland

At the request of the delegation of Finland in a letter to the Chairman of the Committee, dated 4 October 1988, the following text of a communication sent to the United States authorities on the above matter is circulated to the members of the Committee.

I have been instructed by my Authorities to request consultations with the Government of the United States of America under Article VII:4 of the Agreement on Government Procurement, with regard to the "Buy American"-provision incorporated into the National Science Foundation Authorization Act, which affects the procurement of an Antarctic research vessel by the US National Science Foundation.

Initial bilateral consultations have not led to a satisfactory outcome. Due to the fact that this matter, in the opinion of Finland, results in nullification and impairment of a benefit accruing to it under the Agreement, my Authorities wish to pursue the consultations with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory resolution of the matter.