

**Policy implementation: transparency,  
electronic tools, and data.**

## **Introduction to the e-GPA system**

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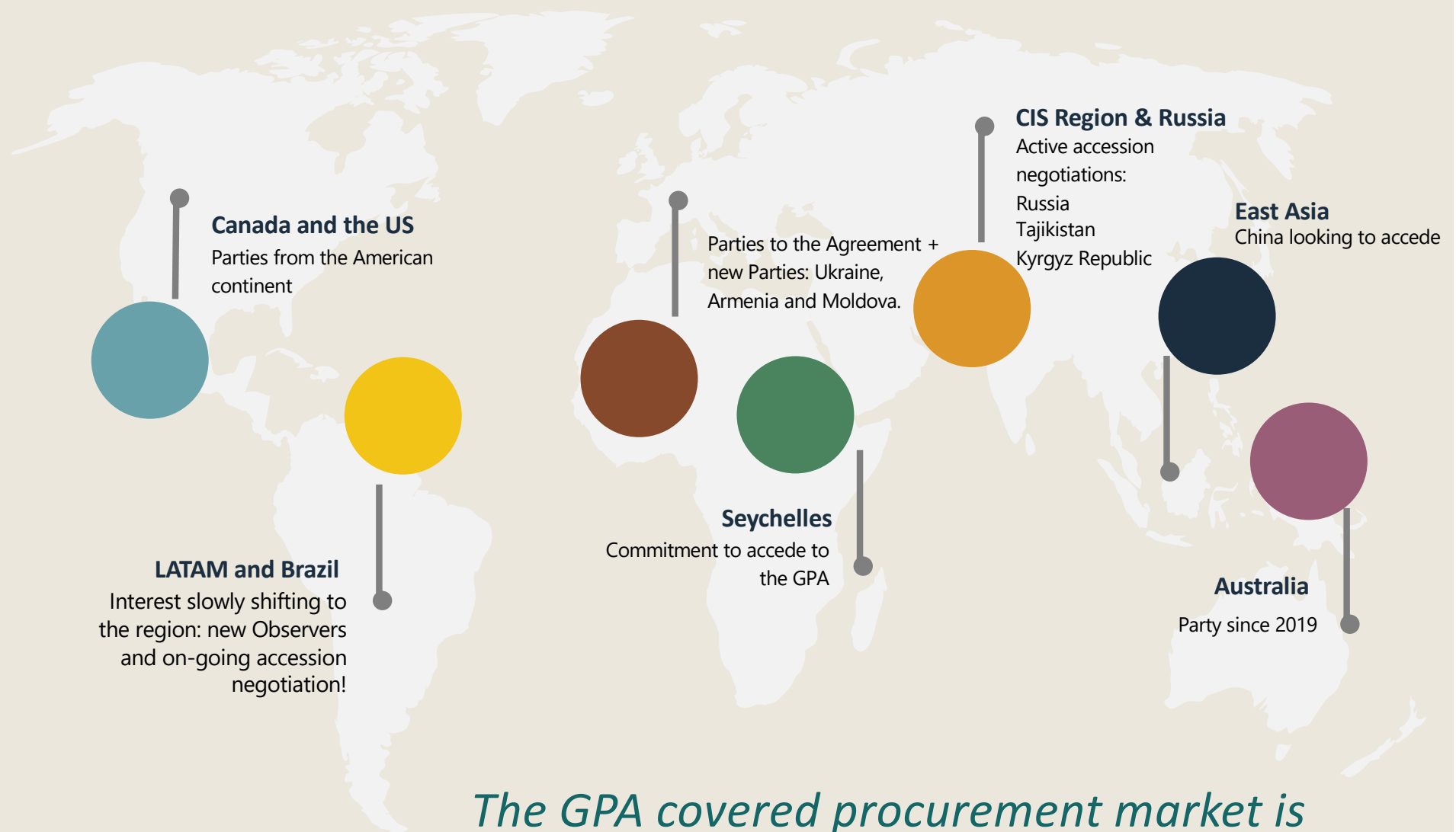
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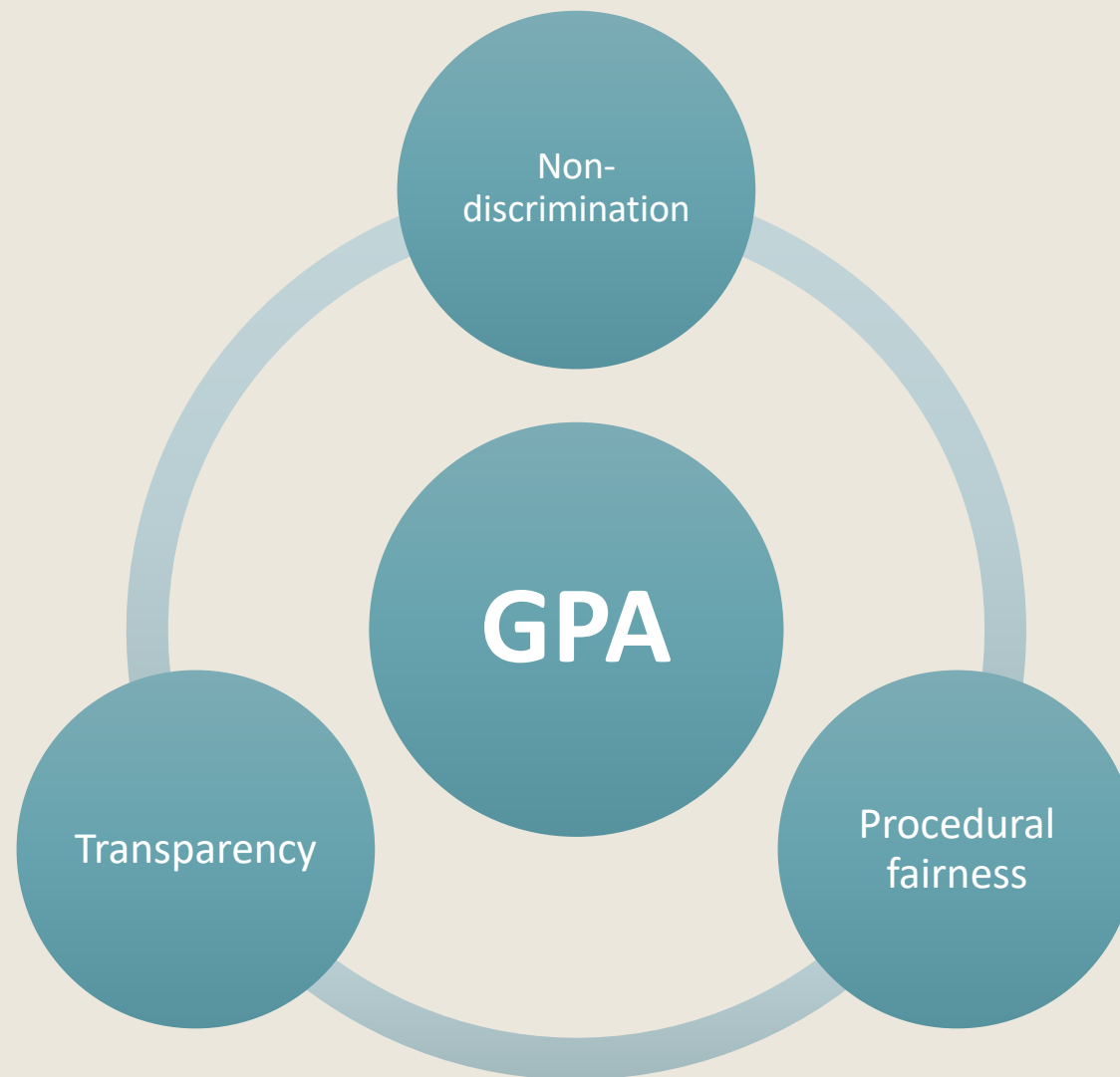
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# A growing plurilateral...



*The GPA covered procurement market is already significant and expanding!*

# Core principles of the Agreement



*...with respect to participation in each Party's covered procurement markets.*

# Preamble of the GPA

*...Recognizing the importance of transparent measures regarding government procurement, of carrying out procurements in a transparent and impartial manner and of avoiding conflicts of interest and corrupt practices, in accordance with **applicable international instruments**, such as the United Nations Convention Against Corruption...*

# In the text of the Agreement...

## Art. IV - Conduct of Procurement

A procuring entity shall conduct covered procurement in a ***transparent*** and impartial manner

## Art. XVI - Transparency of Procurement Information

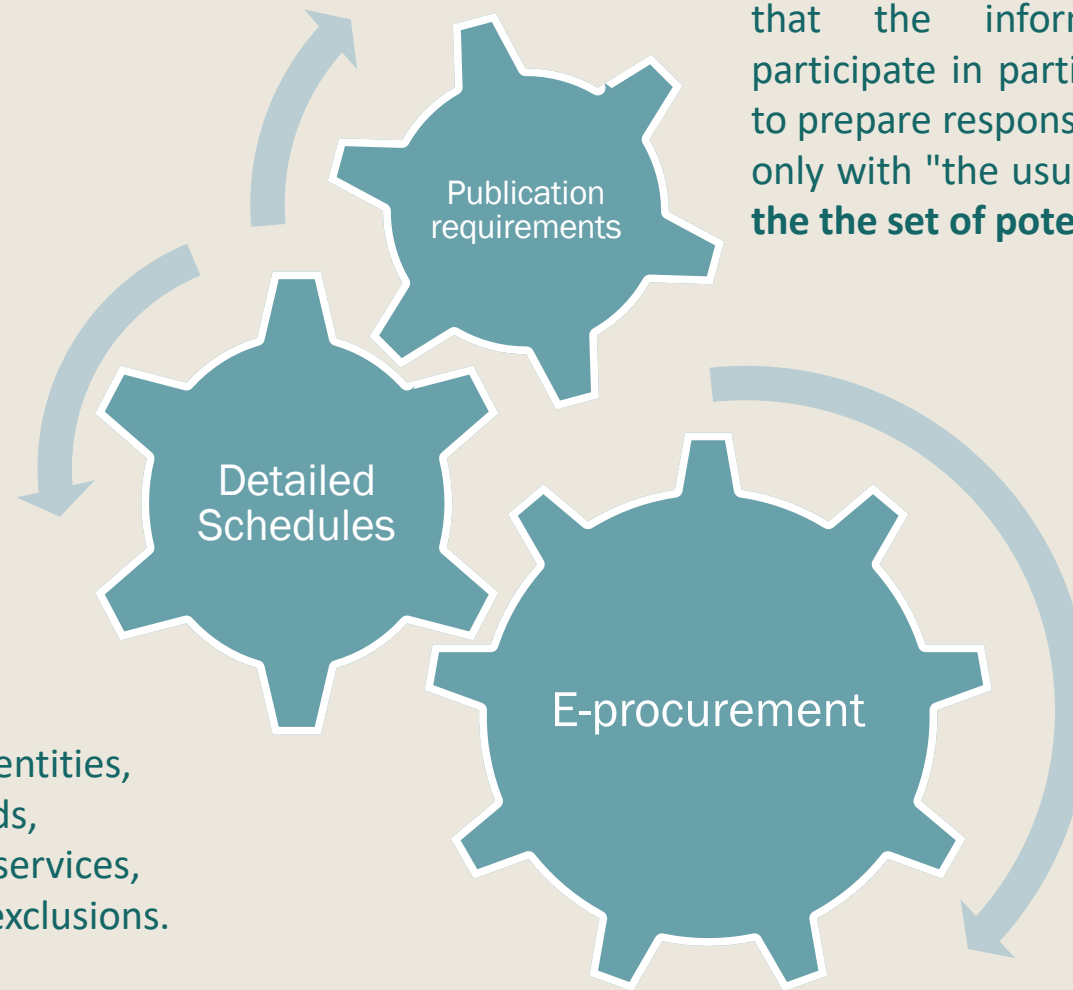
- Publication requirements
- Maintenance of documentation
- Information provided to suppliers

## Article XVIII - Domestic Review Procedures

Each Party shall provide a timely, effective, ***transparent*** and non-discriminatory administrative or judicial review procedure through which a supplier may challenge

# Key design features of the agreement: Transparency

The GPA's **transparency provisions** ensure that the information necessary to participate in particular procurements and to prepare responsive tenders is not shared only with "the usual suspects," **broadening the the set of potential suppliers.**



Specify:


- covered entities,
- thresholds,
- covered services,
- specific exclusions.

# *E-procurement in the GPA:*


*Recognizing the importance of using, and encouraging the use of, electronic means for procurement covered by this Agreement...*



The revised text entails a complete revision of the wording of the various provisions of the Agreement to streamline them and make the text easier to understand.



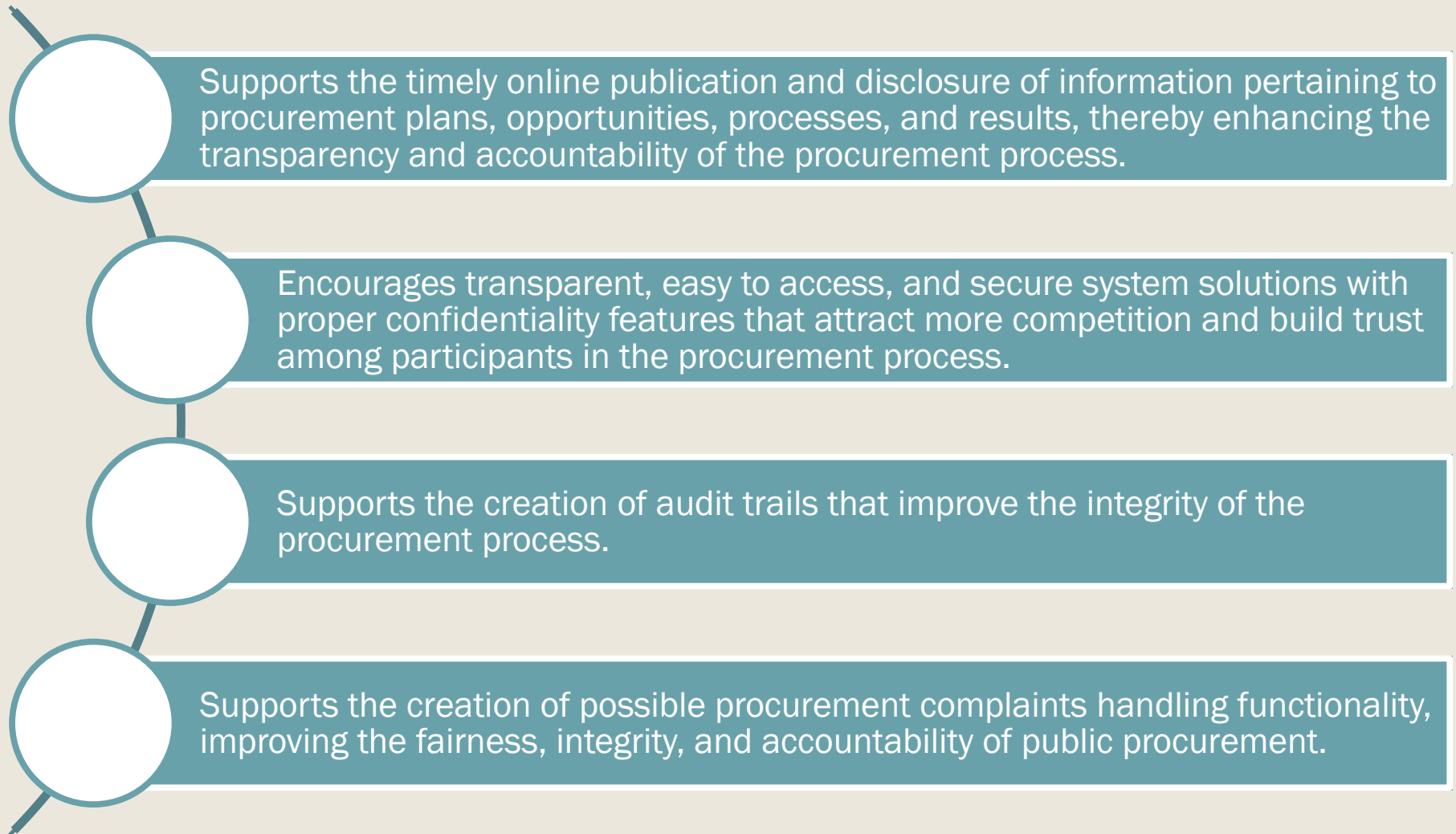
It sets out related requirements to ensure that the general principles of the GPA are fully respected throughout the electronic implementation.



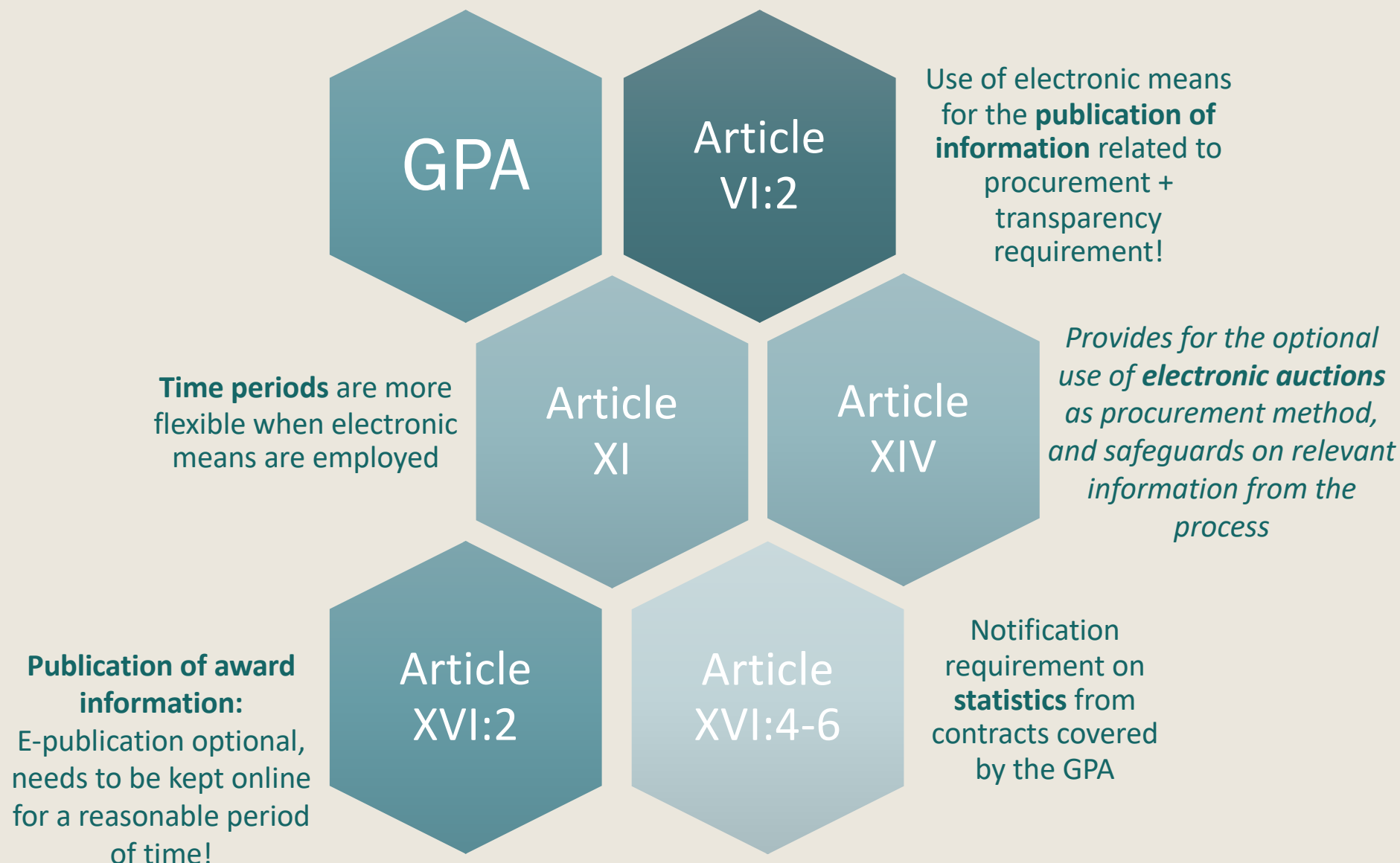
It also incorporates additional flexibilities for parties' procurement authorities — for example, shorter notice periods when electronic tools are used.



# The value of e-procurement in facilitating transparency and efficiency in the procurement process:



# Provisions in the revised GPA related to the use of electronic means:



# Collection and Reporting of Statistics - Article XVI

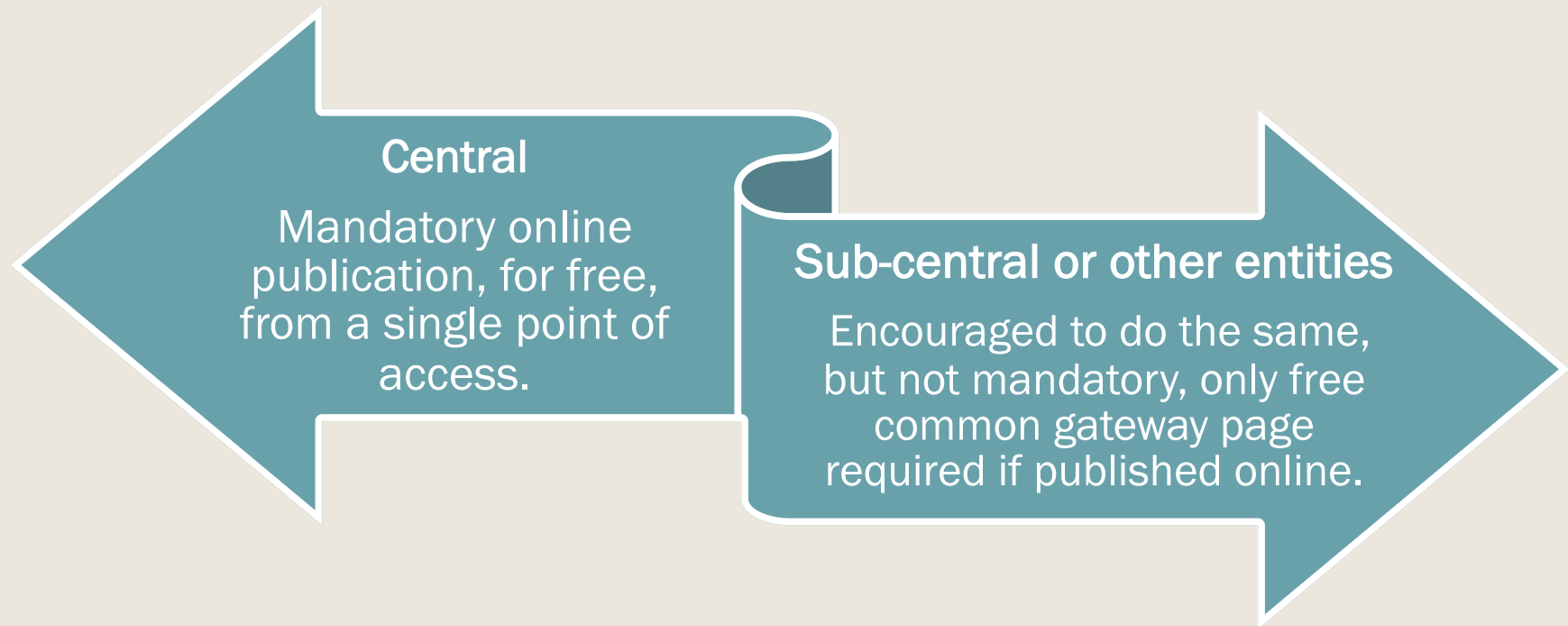
*Each Party shall collect and report to the Committee statistics on its contracts covered by this Agreement. Each report shall cover one year and be submitted within two years of the end of the reporting period*

The number and  
the total value of  
all covered  
contracts;

The number and  
the total value of  
all covered  
contracts awarded  
by each entity,  
broken down by  
categories of  
goods and services

The number and  
the total value of  
all covered  
contracts awarded  
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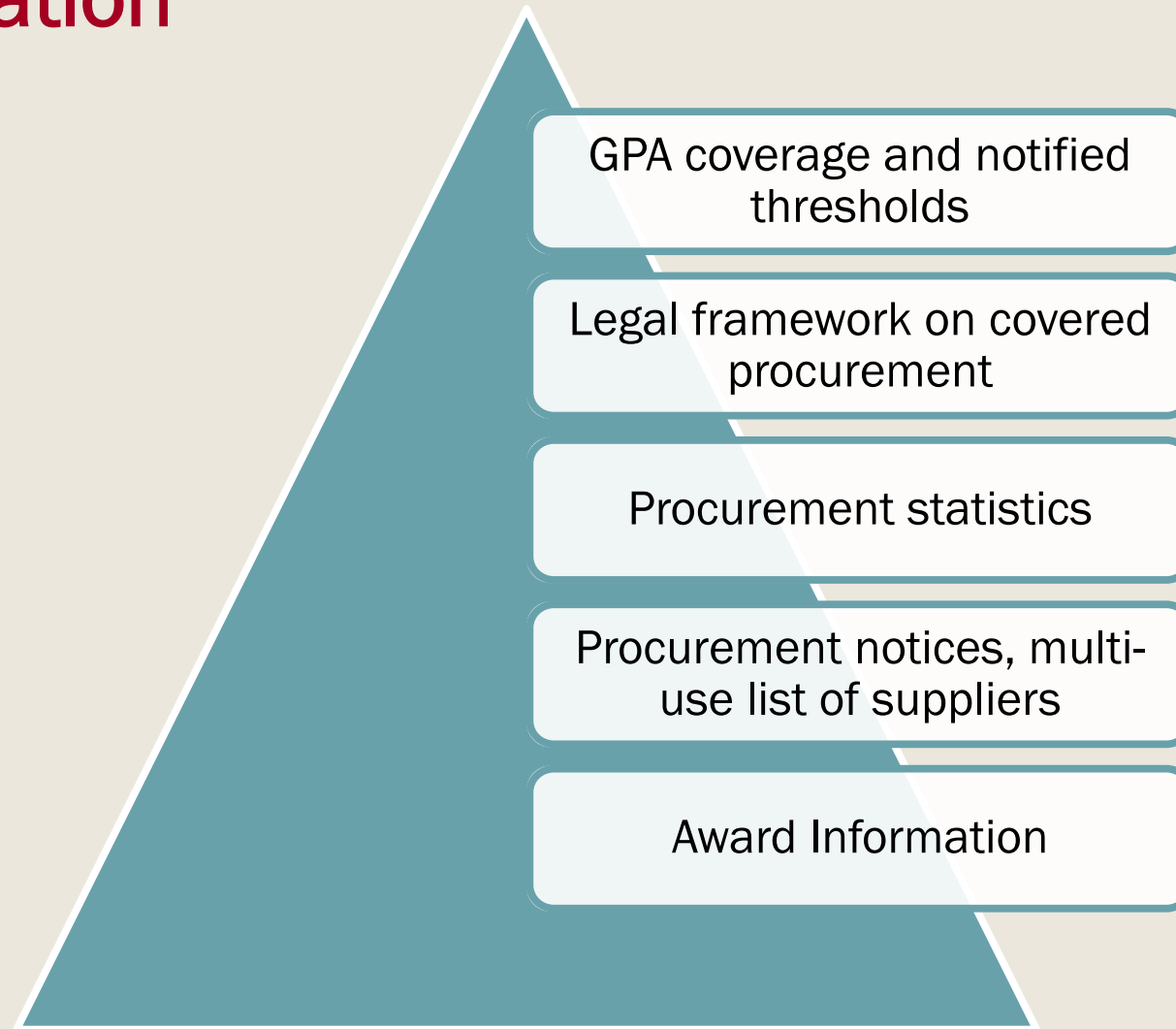
# Different obligations for central government entities and sub-central or other entities!



# Notification of relevant information by Parties is an important means to ensure the transparency and predictability of procurement regimes!

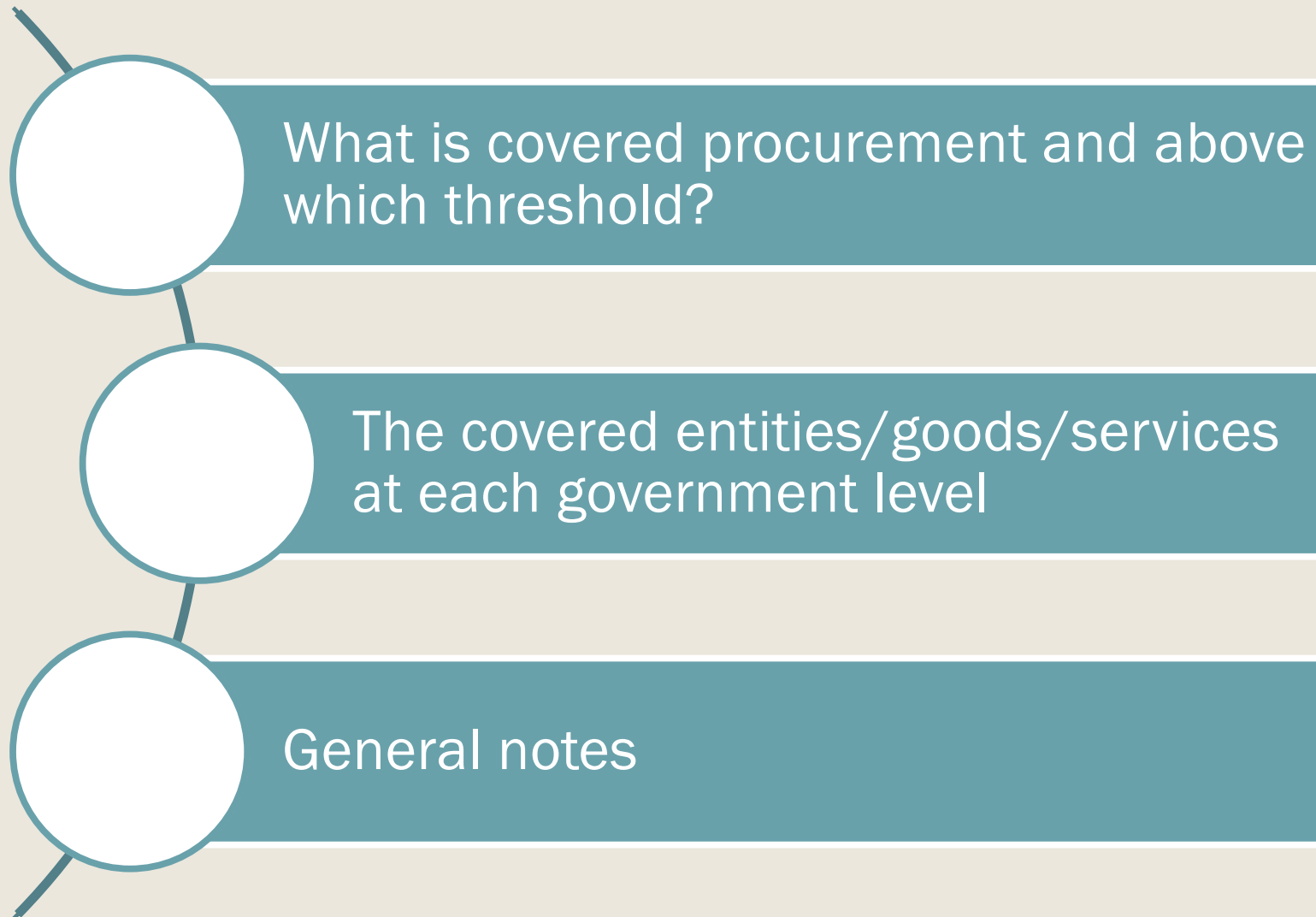


# The e-GPA Portal: easy access to relevant information



*Enhances efficiency and facilitates accessibility of information.*

# The e-GPA Portal: each Party's covered procurement at a glance



# e-GPA as a one-stop shop!



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This portal provides an integrated point of access to the market access information under the **Revised Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA 2012)**, together with related information that the GPA Parties are committed to provide. It offers improved transparency and user-friendly accessibility to the relevant information, and aims to better publicize the market access opportunities available under the Agreement estimated to be worth more than US\$ 1.7 trillion annually. In particular, the site enables you to browse and search the Parties' coverage commitments, and create an output on screen reflecting your results. In appropriate cases, the outputs can be downloaded in a variety of file formats, or printed.

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Find text in the GPA coverage

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**Canada**

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 **Central Government Entities** Annex 1  en  fr

 **Sub-Central Government Entities**  
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The Parties to the GPA are required to notify the paper or electronic media where they publish information on applicable laws and regulations etc., any changes thereto, procurement and contract award notices, and website addresses for statistics. This information is available in the Appendices II to IV of the Agreement (see [Articles VI.2 and 3](#) and [XXII.5](#) of the GPA 2012).

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#### Laws, Regulations, Judicial Decisions, Administrative Rulings, Contract Clauses, and procedures regarding covered government procurement

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#### Procurement notices, Multi-use lists of suppliers, Award information

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#### Government Procurement Statistics

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# The GPA as a driving force for reforms and good governance

