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**INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

**AC/4-D/2261(1996 EDITION)**

**REVISION TO PARAGRAPH 3 - SECURITY**

Note by the Secretary

1. This document concerns adjustments to the Investment Committee's policy on International Competitive Bidding, AC/4-D/2261(1996 Edition). Changes are required to paragraph 3 of the document to reflect revisions to NATO's security policies, which were recently approved by the NAC.
2. This document will be placed on the IC's agenda for 15 March 2016 meeting with a view to seeking the Committee's agreement.

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References: (a) C-M(2002)49 COR1-12  
(b) AC/35-D/2003-REV5

1. With the document at reference (a), Council agreed substantive changes to NATO's Security Policy proposed by the NATO Security Committee. The recent changes, which are also reflected in the new Directive on Classified Project and Industrial Security (reference (b)), addressed requirements for classified project and industrial security and, as such, have a direct bearing on NSIP contracts having a security classification. The NATO Office of Security (NOS) has recommended that AC/4-D/2261(1996 Edition) be brought in line with the new regulations. Moreover, the NOS has pointed out that by observing only the former regulations, some firms may be excluded from bidding.

2. A very straightforward amendment to paragraph 3 of AC/4-D/2261(1996 Edition) will address the necessary change. The International Staff proposes the following:

**2.1 Replace Current Text for AC/4-D/2261(1996 Edition) Paragraph 3 Security**

The security procedures and requirements for NATO classified Security Investment projects are described in the latest edition of C-M(55)15 (Final), which sets out the general rules for the protection of NATO classified information. Classification of bidding documents should be kept at the lowest possible level compatible with the requirements of this document.

**2.2 Proposed Replacement Text for AC/4-D/2261(1996 Edition) Paragraph 3 Security**

The security procedures and requirements applicable to NATO Classified Project and Industrial Security, including Security Investment projects, are described in the latest edition of C-M(2002)49 and the supporting Directive on Classified Project and Industrial Security. These documents set out the rules for the protection of NATO classified information and the specific requirements for classified project and industrial security. Classification of bidding documents should be kept at the lowest possible level compatible with the requirements of C-M(2002)49 and C-M(2002)60 and supporting directives.

3. The Staff further proposes that the wording approved by the Investment Committee for paragraph 3 be promulgated as Corrigendum 2 to AC/4-D/2261(1996 Edition). This would occur separately and subsequent to the IC's agreement to a new paragraph 3.

4. The International Staff recommends that the Investment Committee:
  - 4.1 agrees the proposed replacement text for AC/4-D/2261(1996 Edition), paragraph 3 as set out in paragraph 2.2 of this document; and
  - 4.2 agrees that the new paragraph will be promulgated as Corrigendum 2 to AC/4-D/2261(1996 Edition).

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