

where the same conditions prevail, or a disguised restriction on international trade, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prohibit the adoption or enforcement by either Party of:

- (a) measures necessary to secure compliance with laws or regulations which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, or
- (b) any other measure referred to in Article XX of the GATT.

#### ARTICLE XV

##### CONSULTATIONS

1. The Parties shall consult with each other from time to time regarding questions relating to the operation of this Agreement or of any provision thereof.
2. The consultations provided for by paragraph 1 of this Article shall be carried out with a view to:
  - (a) reviewing the possibility of broadening this Agreement;
  - (b) considering matters affecting trade and commercial relations between Canada and the Republic of Kazakhstan;
  - (c) exchanging information and views on matters that might adversely affect either Party's existing levels or future development of trade;
  - (d) reviewing multilateral trade matters of common interest; and
  - (e) reviewing progress towards expanding bilateral trade and examining, where appropriate, proposals designed to stimulate further growth in trade or to overcome hindrances to such growth.
3. Consultations pursuant to this Article may be initiated at the request of either Party on reasonable