

- (b) any existing non-conforming measures maintained within the territory of a Contracting Party; the continuation or prompt renewal of any such non-conforming measure or any measure referred to in paragraph (a) above; any amendment to such non-conforming measure or any measure referred to in paragraph (a) above, to the extent that such amendment does not decrease the conformity of the measure as it existed immediately before the amendment with those obligations;
- (c) the right of each Contracting Party to make or maintain exceptions within the following sectors or matters:

**Canada:**

- social services (i.e. public law enforcement; correctional services; income security or insurance; social security or insurance; social welfare; public education; public training; health and child care);
- residency requirements for ownership of oceanfront land;
- measures implementing the Northwest Territories Oil and Gas Accord;
- government securities - as described in Standard Industrial Classification number 8152 as set out in Statistics Canada *Standard Industrial Classification*, fourth edition, 1980.

**Uruguay:**

- social services (i.e. public law enforcement; correctional services; income security or insurance; social security or insurance; social welfare; public education; public training; health and child care).
2. The Contracting Parties shall, within a two year period after the entry into force of this Agreement, exchange letters listing, to the extent possible any existing measures that it may rely on to limit national treatment obligations in accordance with Paragraph (1)(b) hereof.
  3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties agree that in respect of services, nothing in this Agreement shall oblige a Contracting Party to accord to investors, prospective investors, or to investments of investors of the other Contracting Party any treatment or right under Articles III(1)(b), IV(1)(b), IV(2)(b), V(1), V(2) or VI more favourable than that which the Contracting Party is required to accord to such investor, prospective investor, or investment pursuant to the General Agreement on Trade in Services ("GATS"), as it may from time to time be amended or replaced.

### **III. General Exceptions and Exemptions:**

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent a Contracting Party from adopting, maintaining or enforcing any measure otherwise consistent with this Agreement that it considers appropriate to ensure that investment activity in its territory is undertaken in a manner sensitive to environmental concerns.