ARTICLE 19

State trading enterprises

The rights and obligations of the Parties in respect of State trading enterprises shall be governed by Article XVII of the GATT 1994 and the WTO Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XVII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

ARTICLE 20

Public procurement

- 1. The rights and obligations of the Parties in respect of public procurement shall be governed by the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement.
- 2. If, after the entry into force of this Agreement, Canada or the EFTA States enter into an international agreement that provides greater transparency or access to the procurement market or markets concerned than is provided under the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement, Canada or the EFTA States may request that the Parties enter into negotiations with a view to achieving a level of transparency or market access through this Agreement that is equivalent to that provided in the other agreement.
- 3. The Parties agree to co-operate in the Joint Committee, with the aim of achieving further liberalisation among them, of public procurement markets and greater transparency in public procurement. They shall meet to review this Article no later than three years after the entry into force of this Agreement.