

9. Designating Authorities shall inform their Party's representatives on the Joint Sectoral Group, established under this Agreement, of the Conformity Assessment Bodies to be included in or withdrawn from Attachment 2 of the Sectoral Annex. Designation, suspension or withdrawal of designation of Conformity Assessment Bodies shall take place in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the rules of procedure of the Joint Sectoral Group.
10. When advising their Party's representative on the Joint Sectoral Group established under this Agreement, of the Conformity Assessment Bodies to be included in the Sectoral Annexes, the Designating Authority shall provide the following details in respect of each Conformity Assessment Body:
  - (a) the name;
  - (b) the postal address;
  - (c) the facsimile (fax) number;
  - (d) the range of products, processes, standards or services it is authorized to assess;
  - (e) the conformity assessment procedures it is authorized to carry out; and
  - (f) the designation procedure used to determine capabilities.

#### E. MONITORING

11. Designating Authorities shall maintain, or cause to maintain, ongoing surveillance over designated Conformity Assessment Bodies by means of regular audit or assessment. The frequency and nature of such activities shall be consistent with international best practices or as agreed by the Joint Sectoral Group.
12. Designating Authorities shall require designated Conformity Assessment Bodies to participate in proficiency testing or other appropriate comparison exercises where such exercises are technically possible within reasonable cost.
13. Designating Authorities shall consult as necessary with their counterparts, to ensure the maintenance of confidence in conformity assessment processes and procedures. This consultation may include joint participation in audits related to conformity assessment activities or other assessments of designated Conformity Assessment Bodies, where such participation is appropriate and technically possible within reasonable cost.