

Article 8.4: Cooperation

1. The Parties shall engage in technical cooperation activities directed at reaching effective and full compliance with the obligations set forth in the TBT Agreement, while taking into account the different levels of development of each Party's standardizing, accreditation, conformity assessment, and metrology institutions. To this end, each Party shall encourage its national government bodies responsible for coordinating its standardization, notification, and conformity assessment systems to undertake:

- (a) the design, implementation, and review of technical and institutional cooperation activities;
- (b) the promotion of institutional and regulatory information exchange and technical cooperation; and
- (c) the promotion of co-ordination in international fora.

2. At the request of a Party, the Parties shall discuss an issue related to standards, technical regulations, or conformity assessment procedures at the next Commission meeting.