

ARTICLE II**Economic, Commercial and Industrial Cooperation**

The Parties share a commitment to market principles with respect to international trade and foreign investment. The Parties agree to encourage and facilitate in accordance with their national laws, regulations and policies, and on the basis of fair and equitable treatment, direct contacts and broader cooperation between business and academic communities, associations, organizations, and Government agencies of both countries.

To this end, the Parties agree:

1. With respect to economic cooperation, to exchange information on economic development priorities, national economic plans and forecasts, and other significant policies and developments which have an impact on economic relations between the two countries;
2. With respect to trade and investment cooperation, to:
 - (a) promote and support trade and investment missions, market analyses, links between business communities and institutions and other initiatives which bring together business partners;
 - (b) exchange trade, investment and market information in conformity with existing laws and regulations of either country;
 - (c) exchange appropriate information at an early stage on significant forthcoming public sector industrial projects;
 - (d) identify and facilitate trade and investment opportunities by:
 - (i) ensuring that laws, regulations, procedures and administrative rulings of general application respecting any matter covered by this Agreement are promptly published or otherwise made available to interested persons;
 - (ii) identifying specific projects and sectors of potential interest for cooperation;
 - (iii) informing their respective business communities of investment opportunities in the other country;
 - (iv) encouraging the expansion of financial and banking cooperation;