

PART THREE

PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW OF OBLIGATIONS

Article 12: Ministerial Consultations

1. A Party may request in writing consultations with the other Party at the ministerial level regarding any obligation under this Agreement. The Party that is the object of the request shall respond within 60 days of receiving the request, or within such other period as the Parties may agree.
2. Each Party shall provide the other with sufficient information in its possession to allow a full examination of the matters raised.
3. To facilitate discussion of the matters under consideration, either Party may call upon one or more independent experts to prepare a report. The Parties shall make every effort to agree upon the selection of the expert or experts and shall cooperate with the expert or experts in the preparation of the report. Any publication of the report will indicate how to obtain access to any response of the other Party.
4. The Parties shall make every effort to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement of the matter, and may resolve it by developing a plan of cooperative activities related to issues raised through the consultations.
5. Ministerial consultations shall be concluded no later than 180 days after the request unless the Parties agree to another date.

Article 13: Review Panel

Following the conclusion of Ministerial Consultations, the Party that requested the consultations may request that a review panel be convened if it considers that:

- (a) the matter is trade-related; and
- (b) the other Party has failed to comply with its obligations under this agreement through:
 - (i) a persistent pattern of failure to effectively enforce its labour law; or