- 4. The Parties shall exchange sufficient information to enable a full examination of how the actual or proposed measure or other matter affects, or might affect, the operation of this Agreement.
- Each Party shall treat any confidential or proprietary information exchanged in the course of consultations on the same basis as the Party providing the information treats it.
- If the Parties fail to resolve a matter pursuant to the provisions on consultations within:
 - (a) 30 days of the commencement of consultations,
 - (b) 30 days of delivery of a request for consultations in matters deemed and stated to be urgent by the requesting Party, or
 - (c) such other period as they may agree,

either Party may request in writing a High Level Meeting (hereinafter referred to as an "HLM"), as set out below.

- 7. An HLM, which may include representatives of, for the United States, the Department of State and/or the Department of Transportation and, for Canada, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and/or the Department of Transport, shall be held at the request of either Party. At the request of either Party the HLM shall be between, for the United States, the Secretary of State and/or the Secretary of Transportation and, for Canada, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and/or the Minister of Transport, or their designees.
- 8. The purpose of an HLM shall be to:
 - (a) consider any matter that may affect the operation of this Agreement; and
 - (b) resolve disputes that may arise regarding its interpretation or application.
- 9. An HLM may:
 - (a) establish, and delegate responsibilities to, ad hoc or standing committees, working groups or expert groups;
 - (b) seek the advice of non-governmental persons or groups; and
 - (c) take other action to carry out its purposes.
- 10. If an HLM is requested pursuant to this Article, the requesting Party shall state in the request the measure or other matter complained of and indicate the provisions of this Agreement that it considers relevant.
- 11. Unless it is mutually agreed by the Parties that an HLM will not be convened or should be delayed, an HLM requested pursuant to this Article shall convene within 20 days of delivery of the request and shall endeavour to resolve the dispute promptly.