

Section II – Environmental Cooperation

Article 7: Cooperation

1. The Parties recognize that cooperation is an effective way to achieve the objectives of this Agreement and reaffirm their commitment to developing cooperation programs and activities to promote the achievement of these objectives.
2. The Parties agree to strive to strengthen their cooperation on environmental issues in other bilateral, regional and multilateral fora in which they participate.
3. In developing cooperation programs, the Parties may involve the public and interested stakeholders or any other entity as the Parties deem appropriate.
4. The Parties agree to identify priority areas for cooperative activities and to establish a work program which shall be prepared forthwith after the entry into force of this Agreement. The priority areas listed in Annex 1 to this Agreement shall be considered for the initial Work Program.
5. The Parties agree to make best efforts to find appropriate resources to effectively implement a Work Program. The Work Program could be implemented:
 - (a) through technical cooperation programmes under any modality decided by the Parties, including information sharing, exchange of experts and training; and/or
 - (b) through financial cooperation for priority projects presented by the Parties.

The resources could come from, *inter alia*, public entities or agencies from the Parties, or when appropriate from private institutions, foundations or international public organizations.

6. The Parties may cooperate with any State not party to this Agreement, where appropriate, to maximize available resources. Where appropriate, the Parties agree to cooperate to identify and to secure resources from external sources.