

ARTICLE XI

JOINT COMMITTEE

1. There shall be established under this Agreement a Joint Committee of the two Parties, which will be responsible for the effective functioning of the Agreement.
2. The Joint Committee shall take its decisions and adopt its recommendations by consensus of the Parties. It will meet at least once a year unless it decides otherwise. It shall determine its own rules of procedure. It may establish a Joint Sectoral Group under a Sectoral Annex, and may delegate specific tasks to those Groups. Each Party may invite its representatives from the Joint Sectoral Groups to attend meetings of the Joint Committee when its sectoral interests are the subject of an agenda item.
3. The Joint Committee may consider any matter related to the operation of this Agreement. In particular it shall be responsible for:
 - (a) amending Sectoral Annexes;
 - (b) giving effect to the decision to designate or withdraw the designation of a particular Conformity Assessment Body;
 - (c) exchanging information concerning the procedures used by each Party to ensure that the Conformity Assessment Bodies specified in the Sectoral Annexes maintain the necessary level of competence;