

6. The Tribunal shall attempt to render a written decision within 180 days from the receipt of the request for arbitration. The decision of the majority of the Tribunal shall prevail.

7. If the Tribunal determines that there has been a violation of this Agreement and the responsible Party does not cure the violation, or does not reach a resolution with the other Party to the dispute on a mutually satisfactory solution within 30 days after notification of the Tribunal's decision, the other Party may suspend the application of equivalent benefits arising under this Agreement until such time as the dispute has been resolved.

8. The expenses of the Tribunal shall be shared equally between the Parties to the dispute.

9. For the purposes of this Article, the European Community and the Member States shall act together.

ARTICLE 22

Amendment

Any amendment to this Agreement may be mutually determined by the Parties pursuant to consultations held in conformity with Article 17 (Joint Committee) of this Agreement. Amendments shall come into force in accordance with the terms set out in Article 23 (Entry into Force and Provisional Application).

ARTICLE 23

Entry into Force and Provisional Application

1. This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date of the latest diplomatic note in which the Parties confirm that all necessary procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement have been completed. For purposes of this exchange, the European Community and its Member States nominate the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union. Canada shall deliver to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union the diplomatic note(s) to the European Community and its Member States, and the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union shall deliver to Canada the diplomatic notes from the European Community and its Member States. The diplomatic note or notes from the European Community and its Member States shall contain communications from each Member State confirming that its necessary procedures for entry into force of this Agreement have been completed.

2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Article, the Parties agree to provisionally apply this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of domestic law of the Parties from the first day of the month following the date of the latest note by which the Parties have notified each other of the completion of the relevant domestic procedures to provisionally apply this Agreement.