

Appendix 3

JOINT SECTORAL GROUP

A Joint Sectoral Group (JSG) will be established to manage the confidence building process and to monitor the operations of the MRA thereafter.

The JSG will be co-chaired by a member from each Party and will determine its own composition, ensuring, to as great a degree as possible, consistent membership. The role of the JSG will be to ensure communications with the Joint Committee and to manage the transition period and to monitor the continued implementation of this annex including, but not limited to:

- making decisions on activities required to define and establish the equivalence of compliance programmes and the "two way" alert system;
- assessing the results of the confidence building exercise, and determining which regulatory authorities are deemed equivalent. The JSG will prepare a list of the equivalent regulatory agencies and provide its recommendations to the Joint Committee;
- providing directions to experts that will conduct the evaluation of the respective GMP compliances programmes, and undertake joint activities (e.g. inspections, workshops); and
- making decisions on the necessary arrangements of the MRA maintenance programme.