

13. With respect to:
- (a) financial institutions of a Contracting Party; and
 - (b) investors of a Contracting Party, and investments of such investors, in financial institutions in the other Contracting Party's territory,

Article XIII (Settlement of Disputes between an Investor and the Host Contracting Party) applies only in respect of claims that the other Contracting Party has breached an obligation under Article VIII (Expropriation), Article IX (Transfer of Funds) or paragraph 1 or 2 of Article XVIII (Final Provisions and Entry into Force).

ARTICLE XIV

Consultations and Exchange of Information

1. Either Contracting Party may request consultations on the interpretation or application of this Agreement. The other Contracting Party shall give sympathetic consideration to the request. Upon request by either Contracting Party, information shall be exchanged on the measures of the other Contracting Party that may have an impact on new investments, investments or returns covered by this Agreement.
2. The consultations provided for by this Article shall include consultations concerning any steps that a Contracting Party may consider are necessary to ensure compatibility between this Agreement and the *Treaty Establishing the European Community*.

ARTICLE XV

Disputes between the Contracting Parties

1. Any dispute between the Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall, whenever possible, be settled amicably through consultations.
2. If a dispute cannot be settled through consultations, it shall, at the request of either Contracting Party, be submitted to an arbitral panel for decision.