

3. Provided that such measures are not applied in an arbitrary or unjustifiable manner, or do not constitute a disguised restriction on international trade or investment, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent a Contracting Party from adopting or maintaining measures, including environmental measures:
- (a) necessary to ensure compliance with laws and regulations that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement;
 - (b) necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health; or
 - (c) relating to the conservation of living or non-living exhaustible natural resources.

ARTICLE XVIII

Entry into force

1. Each Contracting Party shall notify the other in writing of the completion of the procedures required in its territory for the entry into force of this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the latter of the two notifications.
2. This Agreement shall remain in force unless either Contracting Party notifies the other Contracting Party in writing of its intention to terminate it. The termination of this Agreement shall become effective one year after notice of termination has been received by the other Contracting Party. In respect of investments or commitments to invest made prior to the date when the termination of this Agreement becomes effective, the provisions of Articles I to XVII inclusive of this Agreement shall remain in force for a period of fifteen years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at *QUITO* this *29th* day of *APRIL* 1996, in the English, French and Spanish languages, all three texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF CANADA

David Adam

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Ambassador of Canada in Ecuador

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