

**Article 8: National Mechanisms**

1. Each Party may convene a new, or consult an existing, national labour committee, comprising members of its public, including representatives of its labour and business organizations, to provide views on any issues related to this Agreement.
2. Each Party shall designate an office within its governmental department responsible for labour affairs that shall serve as a National Administrative Office. The functions of this office shall include:
  - (a) the coordination of cooperative programs and activities pursuant to Article 9;
  - (b) the review of public communications pursuant to Article 10;
  - (c) to serve as point of contact with the other Party;
  - (d) the provision of information to the other Party, the review panels and the public; and
  - (e) any other matters as the Parties or the Council may agree.
3. The Parties shall provide to each other information regarding their established points of contact, through diplomatic channels.

**Article 9: Cooperative Activities**

1. Recognizing that labour cooperation is an essential element in raising the level of compliance with labour standards, the Parties shall develop a plan of action for cooperative labour activities for the promotion of the objectives of this Agreement. In particular, they shall define specific projects of cooperation and the timeframe for such projects.
2. Possible areas of cooperation are set out in Annex 1. Most relate directly to the obligations under this Agreement, while some concern the enhancement of labour mobility as the Parties recognize the mutual benefits to be gained by enhancing labour mobility and are committed to exploring avenues for reaching this objective.