

regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures in a manner consistent with the CCFTA.

4. At the request of the Council, either National Secretariat, or both, shall prepare a report on any environmental matter related to the cooperative functions of this Agreement.
5. The Council shall encourage:
  - (a) effective enforcement by each Party of its environmental laws and regulations;
  - (b) compliance with those laws and regulations; and
  - (c) technical cooperation between the Parties.
6. The Council shall promote and, as appropriate, develop recommendations regarding:
  - (a) public access to information concerning the environment that is held by public authorities of each Party, including information on hazardous materials and activities in its communities, and opportunity to participate in decision-making processes related to such public access; and
  - (b) appropriate limits for specific pollutants, taking into account differences in ecosystems.
7. The Council shall cooperate with the CCFTA Free Trade Commission to achieve the environmental goals and objectives of the CCFTA by:
  - (a) acting as a point of inquiry and receipt for comments from non-governmental organizations and persons concerning those goals and objectives;
  - (b) providing assistance in consultations under Article G-14 of the CCFTA where a Party considers that the other Party is waiving or derogating from, or offering to waive or otherwise derogate from, an environmental measure as an encouragement to establish, acquire, expand or retain an investment of an investor, with a view to avoiding any such encouragement;
  - (c) contributing to the prevention or resolution of environment-related trade disputes by:
    - (i) seeking to avoid disputes between the Parties,
    - (ii) making recommendations to the Free Trade Commission with respect to the avoidance of such disputes, and