

2. By the Effective Date, the United States, in consultation with Canada, shall identify meritorious initiatives to receive the funds that are to be set aside for that purpose under Annex 2C. The funds shall support meritorious initiatives in the United States related to:

- (a) educational and charitable causes in timber-reliant communities;
- (b) low-income housing and disaster relief; and
- (c) educational and public-interest projects addressing:
  - (i) forest management issues that affect timber-reliant communities, or
  - (ii) the sustainability of forests as sources of building materials, wildlife habitat, bio-energy, recreation, and other values.

#### **B. Softwood Lumber Committee**

1. The Parties shall establish a Softwood Lumber Committee, comprising an equal number of representatives of the Parties or their designees.

2. The Committee shall:

- (a) supervise the implementation of the SLA 2006;
- (b) oversee its further elaboration;
- (c) supervise the Working Groups established under the SLA 2006; and
- (d) consider any other matter that may affect the operation of the SLA 2006.

3. In exercising its functions, the Committee may:

- (a) establish and delegate responsibilities to Working Groups or expert groups;
- (b) seek the advice of Persons or non-governmental groups; and
- (c) take such other action in the exercise of its functions as the Parties may agree.