

Section C

SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

1. Mexico shall retain discretion to approve, on a case-by-case basis, any affiliation of a commercial bank or securities firm with a commercial or industrial corporation that is established in Mexico, if Mexico determines that such affiliation is harmless and, in the case of banking, either (a) not substantial, or (b) the financial-related activities of the commercial or industrial corporation account for at least 90 percent of its annual income worldwide, and the non-financial activities of such commercial or industrial corporation are of a type that Mexico determines to be acceptable. Affiliation with a non-resident commercial or industrial corporation that is not established in Mexico will not be a reason for denial of an application to establish or acquire a commercial bank or securities firm in Mexico.
2. Non-bank investors of another Party shall be permitted to establish one or more limited scope financial institutions in Mexico to provide separately consumer lending, commercial lending, mortgage lending or credit card services on terms no less favorable than those applied to like domestic firms under Mexican measures. Mexico may permit lending services closely related to the principal authorized business of a limited scope financial institution to be carried out by that institution. Such institutions shall be provided the opportunity to raise funds in the securities market for business operations subject to normal terms and conditions. Mexico may restrict such limited scope financial institutions from taking deposits.
3. Within two years of the entry into force of this Agreement, Mexico shall conduct a study of the desirability of and, if desirable, the possible methods of establishing limited scope securities firms which would have more limited powers than current securities firms. Such limited scope securities firms would be subject to differing capital requirements, depending on the type and extent of business conducted, that would permit lower minimum capital requirements than those currently applicable to Mexican securities firms. The basis of the study will be prudential considerations and opportunities for investment in the securities sector. As part of the second annual meeting of the Committee required under Article 1412, Mexico shall report to the other Parties on the outcome of the study, including any plans for the establishment of new categories of securities firms.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 7 of Section B of the Schedule of Mexico, an insurance investor of another Party that together with its affiliates had as of July 1, 1992 an active