

PART FOUR – COOPERATION

Article 14: Cooperative Activities

1. The Parties recognize that cooperation is an effective way to achieve the objectives and fulfill the obligations under this Agreement. Accordingly, and subject to the availability of appropriate financial and/or non-financial resources, the Parties may develop programs of cooperative activities including information sharing and technical exchanges based on each Party's national environmental agendas. Priorities for the programs are to be identified by the Environment Committee established under Article 15 of this Agreement.

2. In this regard, the Environment Committee shall consider the following topics: enforcement and compliance; corporate social responsibility; trade and environment; and environmental technologies to address, *inter alia*, water management and renewable energy.

3. The Parties may involve the public and interested stakeholders or any other entity as the Parties deem appropriate in their cooperative activities.

4. The Parties agree that it would be desirable if programs of cooperative activities developed by them could have as broad an application and benefit as possible.

5. In addition, the Parties agree to strive to strengthen their cooperation on environmental issues in other bilateral and multilateral fora in which they participate.