

- (h) exchanges on technology issues, including information systems; and
- (i) any other means to which the Parties may agree.

3. The Parties shall carry out the cooperative activities with due regard for the priorities and needs of each Party, as well as the economic, social, cultural and legislative differences between them.

#### **Article 9: National Mechanisms**

1. Each Party may convene a new, or consult an existing, national labour advisory or consultative 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 establish a National Administrative Office (NAO) within its governmental department responsible for labour affairs and provide to the other Parties its contact information through diplomatic channels.

3. The NAO shall serve as a point of contact with the other Party and perform such functions as are assigned by the Parties or the Council, as well as:

- (a) coordinate cooperative programs and activities;
- (b) provide information to the other Party, the Review Panels and the public;
- (c) receive, accept and review public communications, in accordance with domestic procedures, that are raised by a national of the Party or by an enterprise or organization established in the territory of the Party pertaining to any matters related to this Agreement that arise in the territory of the other Party.

4. Each Party shall, in a cooperative and mutually supportive manner, and as provided for in Annex 2, develop domestic procedures for receipt, acceptance and review of public communications and shall strive to harmonize them as much as possible.