

- (b) if requested, provide copies of specified laws and policies to the other Contracting Party; and
  - (c) if requested, consult with the other Contracting Party with a view to explaining specified laws and policies.
2. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that its laws, regulations and policies pertaining to the conditions of admission of investments, including procedures for application and registration, criteria used for assessment and approval, timelines for processing an application and rendering a decision, and review or appeal procedures of a decision, are administered in a manner that enables investors of the other Contracting Party to become acquainted with them.
3. Each Contracting Party is encouraged to:
- (a) publish in advance any measure that it proposes to adopt; and
  - (b) provide interested persons and the other Contracting Party a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed measure.

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **Consultations**

1. The representatives of the Contracting Parties may hold meetings for the purpose of:
- (a) reviewing the implementation of this Agreement;
  - (b) reviewing the interpretation or application of this Agreement;
  - (c) exchanging legal information;
  - (d) addressing disputes arising out of investments;
  - (e) studying other issues in connection with the facilitation or encouragement of investment, including measures referred to in paragraph 3.
2. Further to consultations under this Article, the Contracting Parties may take any action as they may jointly decide, including making and adopting rules supplementing the applicable arbitral rules under Part C of this Agreement and issuing binding interpretations of this Agreement.
3. The Contracting Parties recognize that it is inappropriate to encourage investment by waiving, relaxing, or otherwise derogating from domestic health, safety or environmental measures.