

BEARING IN MIND their status as Parties to the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization and conscious in particular of their obligations under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Technical Barriers To Trade,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

General terms concerning conformity assessment used in this Agreement and its Annexes shall have the meaning given in the definitions contained in Guide 2 (1996 edition) of the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission, unless specifically defined otherwise in this Agreement and its Sectoral Annexes. In addition, the following terms and definitions shall apply to this Agreement:

- Agreement means the Framework Agreement and all the Sectoral Annexes,
- Conformity Assessment means systematic examination to determine the extent to which a product, process or service fulfils specified requirements,
- Conformity Assessment Body means a body engaged in the performance of procedures for determining whether the relevant requirements in technical regulations or standards are fulfilled,