

**Article 12.6: Environmental Impact Assessment**

1. Each Party shall maintain appropriate procedures for assessing the environmental impacts of proposed projects which may cause significant adverse effects on the environment, with a view to avoiding or minimizing such adverse effects.

2. Each Party shall ensure that its environmental assessment procedures provide for the disclosure of information to the public concerning proposed projects subject to assessment and, in accordance with its law, shall allow for public participation in such procedures.

**Article 12.7: Public Awareness**

Each Party shall promote public awareness of its environmental legislation by ensuring that relevant information is available to the public, including information about enforcement and compliance procedures.

**Article 12.8: Private Access to Remedies**

1. Each Party shall ensure that an interested person residing in or established in its territory may request the Party's competent authorities to investigate an alleged violation of its environmental laws and shall give such a request due consideration, in accordance with its law.

2. Each Party shall provide a person with a legally recognized interest in a particular matter under its legislation appropriate access to administrative, quasi-judicial or judicial proceedings for:

- (a) the enforcement of the Party's environmental laws; and
- (b) seeking remedies for a violation of those laws.

**Article 12.9: Procedural Guarantees**

1. Each Party shall ensure that an administrative, quasi-judicial or judicial proceeding referred to in Article 12.8.2 is fair, equitable and transparent and to this end shall ensure that the proceeding:

- (a) complies with due process of law;
- (b) is open to the public, except if the administration of justice requires otherwise;