

Article 8: National Mechanisms

1. Each Party shall convene a new, or consult an existing, national labour advisory or consultative committee or group to provide views on an issue related to this Agreement. It shall be composed of members of the public, including a balanced representation of employers, workers and their representative organisations, as well as other non-governmental organisations and relevant stakeholders and local or sub-national levels of government, as appropriate.
2. Each Party shall designate an office within its governmental department responsible for labour affairs that shall serve as a National Point of Contact and provide to the other Party its contact information by diplomatic note.
3. The National Points of Contact shall serve as a point of contact between the Parties and perform such functions as are assigned by the Parties or the Council, as well as:
 - (a) coordinate cooperative programs and activities in accordance with Article 9 (Cooperative Activities);
 - (b) review public communications in accordance with Article 10 (Public Communications); and
 - (c) provide information to the other Party, the Review Panels and the public.

Article 9: Cooperative Activities

1. The Parties may develop a joint plan of action for cooperative labour activities to promote the objectives of this Agreement. To the extent possible, those activities shall be linked to a recommendation in a Ministerial Council report referred to in Article 7 (Ministerial Council). An indicative list of areas of possible cooperation between the Parties is set out in Annex 1 (Cooperative Activities).
2. In carrying out the joint plan of action, the Parties may, commensurate with the availability of resources, cooperate through:
 - (a) seminars, training sessions, working groups and conferences;
 - (b) joint research projects, including sector studies; and
 - (c) other means to which the Parties may decide.