

(b) to maintain in existence legal and regulatory authorities capable of implementing the provisions of this Agreement.

2. Where a Party introduces new or additional conformity assessment procedures affecting a sector covered by a Sectoral Annex the Joint Committee shall, unless the Parties agree otherwise, bring such procedures within the scope of this Agreement and the relevant Annex.

3. If, upon implementation of such new or additional requirements, Conformity Assessment Bodies designated by the other Party in order to meet such requirements have not been recognized by the Party implementing the requirements, the other Party may suspend its obligations under the Sectoral Annex in question.

ARTICLE XVI

FEES

Each Party shall ensure that, for conformity assessment procedures carried out pursuant to this Agreement and its Sectoral Annexes, no fees are charged in its territory for conformity assessment services provided by the other Party.