Section B - Foreign Legal Consultants

1. In implementing its commitments regarding foreign legal consultants, set out in its Schedules to Annexes I and VI in accordance with Article 1206 and 1208, each Party shall ensure, subject to its reservations set out in its Schedules to Annexes I and II in accordance with Article 1206, that a foreign legal consultant is permitted to practice or advise on the law of the country in which such consultant is authorized to practice as a lawyer.

Consultations With Relevant Professional Bodies

- 2. Each Party shall undertake consultations with its relevant professional bodies for the purpose of obtaining their recommendations on:
 - (a) the forms of association and partnership between lawyers authorized to practice in its territory and foreign legal consultants;
 - (b) the development of standards and criteria for the authorization of foreign legal consultants in conformity with Article 1210; and
 - (c) any other issues related to the provision of foreign legal consultancy services.
- 3. Each Party shall encourage its relevant professional bodies to meet with the relevant professional bodies designated by each of the other Parties to exchange views regarding the development of joint recommendations on the issues described in paragraph 2 prior to initiation of consultations under that paragraph.

Future Liberalization

- 4. Each Party shall establish a work program aimed at developing common procedures throughout its territory for the licensing and certification of lawyers licensed in the territory of another Party as foreign legal consultants.
- 5. With a view to meeting this objective, each Party shall, upon receipt of the recommendations of the relevant professional bodies, encourage its competent authorities to bring applicable measures into conformity with such recommendations.
- 6. Each Party shall report to the Commission within one year after the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and each year thereafter, on progress achieved in implementing the work program.