

2. In designating such bodies, the Designating Authorities shall specify, in each Annex, the scope of conformity assessment activities for which such Bodies have been designated.
3. The designation constitutes a formal judgement by the Party that the Conformity Assessment Body has demonstrated an acceptable level of technical competence in providing services identified in the designation and further has agreed to comply with the requirements of the other Party, as set out in a Sectoral Annex.
4. In accordance with the terms of the Sectoral Annexes, each Designating Authority will make available, if requested, a statement of technical competence of its designated Conformity Assessment Bodies.

ARTICLE VIII

VERIFICATION AND SUSPENSION OF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES

1. Each Party has the right to challenge the technical competence and compliance of Conformity Assessment Bodies under the jurisdiction of the other Party. This right will be exercised under exceptional circumstances only and justified, in an objective and reasoned manner in writing, to the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee will discuss such requests.