

If a Member Country so requests it, the Commission shall examine those requirements and make a final decision within six to twelve months after having been set by the General Secretariat.

The General Secretariat may, at any time, either on its own initiative or at the request of a party, set or modify said requirements in order to adjust them to the economic and technological progress of the Subregion.

Article 114

In adopting and deciding on the special rules or specific requirements of origin, as the case may be, the Commission and the General Secretariat shall seek to ensure that they do not hinder Bolivia and Ecuador from taking advantage of the benefits of implementing the Agreement.

Article 115

The General Secretariat shall ensure compliance with the rules and requirements of origin in subregional trade. It shall, moreover, propose any measures necessary for resolving problems of origin that hinder the attainment of the Agreement's objectives.

CHAPTER XI: PHYSICAL INTEGRATION

Article 116

The Member Countries shall develop joint actions in order to improve the use of physical spaces, to strengthen the infrastructure and services that are necessary to promote the process of economic integration of the Subregion. This action shall be taken primarily in the fields of energy, transportation, and communications and shall cover the necessary measures for facilitating border traffic among the Member Countries.

To this end, the Member Countries shall seek to establish multinational entities or businesses when possible and desirable for assisting in the execution and administration of those projects.

Article 117

The Commission shall, at the General Secretariat's proposal, adopt programs in the fields referred to in the preceding Article in order to promote a continuous process aimed at expanding and modernizing the physical infrastructure and the transportation and communications services of the Subregion. These programs shall include insofar as possible, the following:

- a. The identification of specific projects for incorporation in the national development plans and an indication of the order of priority for their execution;
- b. The essential steps for financing the necessary preinvestment studies;
- c. The technical and financial assistance needs to ensure the execution of the projects; and

- d. The methods of joint action before the Andean Development Corporation and the international lending institutions to ensure that the required financial resources shall be provided.

Article 118

The Programs referred to in the foregoing Article, as well as the Programs and Projects of Industrial Integration, shall include measures of collective cooperation to adequately cover the essential infrastructure required for their execution and shall give special consideration to the situation of Ecuador and the landlocked situation of Bolivia.

CHAPTER XII: FINANCIAL MATTERS

Article 119

The Member Countries shall carry out actions and coordinate their policies regarding financial and payments matters, to the extent necessary to facilitate the attainment of the Agreement's objectives.

For that purpose, the Commission, at the General Secretariat's proposal, shall adopt the following actions:

- a. Recommendations to channel the financial resources through the appropriate bodies, to meet the development requirements for the Subregion;
- b. Promotion of investments for the Andean integration programs;
- c. Financing of trade between the Member Countries and with countries outside the Subregion;
- d. Measures that facilitate the movement of capital within the Subregion and particularly the promotion of Andean multinational companies;
- e. Coordination of positions to strengthen the reciprocal payments and lending mechanisms within the framework of the ALADI;
- f. Establishment of an Andean lending and payments system that includes the Andean Reserve Fund, a common unit of accounting, lines of credit for trade, a subregional clearinghouse, and a system of reciprocal credits;
- g. Cooperation and coordination of positions with respect to external funding problems of the Member Countries; and
- h. Coordination with the Andean Development Corporation and the Andean Reserve Fund for the purposes described in the preceding subsections.

Article 120

If, as a result of the fulfillment of the Tariff Reduction Program of the Agreement, a Member Country experiences problems with its fiscal revenues, the General Secretariat may