

CHAPTER 9 COOPERATION

Article 9.1: Objectives

1. The Parties agree to establish a framework for collaborative activities between them as a means to expand and enhance the benefits of this Agreement for building an economic partnership between them.
2. The Parties will establish close cooperation aimed, *inter alia*, at:
 - (a) strengthening and building on existing cooperative relationships between the Parties;
 - (b) creating new opportunities for trade and investment, promoting competitiveness and innovation including the involvement of government and business sectors and the academia;
 - (c) supporting the important role of the business sector and the academia in promoting and encouraging mutual economic growth and development;
 - (d) encouraging the presence of the Parties and their goods and services in the respective markets of Asia Pacific and Latin America;
 - (e) reinforcing and expanding cooperation, collaboration and mutual exchange in the cultural and educational areas; and
 - (f) increasing the level of and deepening cooperation activities between the Parties in areas of mutual interest.

Article 9.2: Scope

1. The Parties affirm the importance of all forms of cooperation, including, but not limited to, the areas enlisted in Article 9.3.
2. Areas of cooperation will be developed and agreed upon by the Parties in formal documents.
3. Cooperation between the Parties should contribute to achieving the objectives of this Agreement through the identification and development of innovative cooperation programs capable of providing added value to their relationships.

4. Cooperative activities will be agreed upon between the Parties and may include, but not limited to, those enlisted in Article 9.4.
5. Cooperation between the Parties under this Chapter will complement the cooperation and cooperative activities between the Parties set out in other Chapters of this Agreement.

Article 9.3: Fields of cooperation

Fields of cooperation and capacity building under this Chapter shall include, *inter alia*:

- (a) economic development;
- (b) innovation, research and development;
- (c) agriculture, food industry and forestry;
- (d) mining and industry;
- (e) energy;
- (f) small and medium-sized enterprises;
- (g) tourism;
- (h) education and human capital development;
- (i) culture;
- (j) gender issues;
- (k) climate change;
- (l) health care, and
- (m) development aspects.

Article 9.4: Activities of Cooperation

In pursuit of the objectives set out in Article 9.1, the Parties will encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, the following activities, including, but not limited to:

- (a) building upon existing agreements or arrangements for cooperation;
- (b) facilitating the exchange of experts, information, documentation, experiences;
- (c) promoting cooperation in regional and multilateral fora;
- (d) guiding cooperative activities;
- (e) providing technical assistance; and
- (f) organizing dialogues, conferences, seminars and training programs.

Article 9.5: Committee on Cooperation

1. The Parties hereby establish a Committee on Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”), comprising of representatives of each Party.
2. For purposes of this Article, the Committee shall be coordinated by:
 - (a) in the case of Chile, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the General Directorate for International Economic Affairs, or its successor; and
 - (b) in the case of Viet Nam, the Americas Market Department designated by the Ministry of Industry and Trade, or its successor.
3. In order to facilitate the communication and ensure the proper functioning of the Committee, the Parties will designate a contact point no later than six (6) months following the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
4. The Committee shall meet when necessary, as agreed by the Parties. At the first meeting, the Committee shall agree on its terms of reference.
5. The Committee’s functions shall include:
 - (a) to specify the fields of cooperation and the cooperative activities;
 - (b) to oversee the implementation of the collaboration agreed by the Parties;
 - (c) to encourage the Parties to undertake cooperation activities under this Chapter;

(d) to define any other activity of cooperation deemed necessary by the Parties; and

(e) to maintain updated information, as appropriate regarding any cooperation agreements or arrangements between the Parties.

6. The Committee may agree to establish *ad hoc* working groups.

7. The Committee may interact, where appropriate, with relevant agencies to address specific matters.

8. The Committee shall report periodically to the Commission the results of its meetings. The Commission may recommend actions regarding cooperation activities under this Chapter, in accordance with the strategic priorities of the Parties.

Article 9.6: Cooperation with Non- Parties

The Parties recognize the value of international cooperation for the promotion of sustainable development and agree to develop, where appropriate, projects of mutual interest with non-Parties with the consent of the Parties.

Article 9.7: Non-Application of Dispute Settlement

The dispute settlement mechanism provided for in Chapter 12 (Dispute Settlement) shall not apply to this Chapter.

Article 9.8: Resources

The Parties shall provide, within the limits of their own capacities and through their own channels, adequate resources for the fulfillment of the objectives of this Chapter.