Article 3

Customs duties, taxes and levies which have equivalent effect and quantitative restrictions

1. The Contracting Parties shall not apply customs duties, taxes and levies which have equivalent effect and quantitative restrictions to importation and/or exportation of goods originating in customs territory of one of the Contracting Parties and intended for customs territory of other Contracting Parties. Exceptions to this trade regime shall be formulated in the form of documents which are integral part of this Agreement.

2. In compliance with paragraph 1 of this Article the Contracting Parties will develop and coordinate within six months from the date of entry into force of this Agreement a general Schedule of exceptions to free trade regime and methods of application and of a stage-by-stage cancellation of such exceptions for a transitional period before the creation of a free-trade area.

3. Before the general Schedule of exceptions is agreed, current bilateral agreements on free trade and protocols on exceptions to this regime will be applied in relations between the Contracting Parties, unless otherwise provided by bilateral agreements.

4. The country of origin of a commodity shall be determined in compliance with the Rules of Determining a Country of Origin of Goods which are integral part of this Agreement (Annex I).

Article 4

Technical and other special requirements (restrictions)

1. For purposes of eliminating technical barriers and other restrictions of similar nature in mutual trade, the Contracting Parties will seek the harmonization of technical and other special requirements and the agreement of their policy in this area.

2. The Contracting Parties will instruct their competent bodies to develop relevant proposals for the implementation of the provisions of the first paragraph hereof on a multilateral or bilateral basis.

Article 5

Goods importation and exportation related levies and formalities

1. All levies and payments (except customs duties, taxes, and levies equivalent to them) established in mutual trade by the Contracting Parties in connection with importation or exportation of goods should not exceed within reasonable limits immediate actual costs.

2. The Contracting Parties will inform of the kinds of levies and payments and will seek an agreed reduction of their number and rates.

3. The Contracting Parties shall seek simplification and unification of administrative formalities.

4. The provisions of this Article shall apply in particular to levies and formalities relating to: quantitative restrictions; licensing; currency control; statistical accounting; documents, documentation, and certification of documents; analyses and inspection; quarantine, sanitary service, fumigation, and other.