

10. At the request of any of the Parties, the original arbitration panel shall rule on the conformity with the final report of any implementing measures adopted after the suspension of benefits and, in light of such ruling, whether the suspension of benefits should be terminated or modified. The ruling of the arbitration panel shall be given within 30 days from the date of that request.

11. The rulings provided for in paragraphs 4, 5, 8 and 10 shall be binding.

Article 47

General provisions

1. Any time period mentioned in this Title may be extended by mutual agreement of the Parties.
2. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, the arbitration panel proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Model Rules of Procedure set out in Annex XVI. The Joint Committee may amend the Model Rules of Procedure.
3. Arbitration proceedings established under this Title will not consider issues relating to each Party's rights and obligations under the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation (WTO).
4. Recourse to the dispute settlement provisions of this Title shall be without prejudice to any possible action in the WTO framework, including dispute settlement action. However, where a Party has, with regard to a particular matter, instituted a dispute settlement proceeding under either Article 43(1) of this Title or the WTO Agreement, it shall not institute a dispute settlement proceeding regarding the same matter under the other forum until such time as the first proceeding has ended. For purposes of this paragraph, dispute settlement proceedings under the WTO Agreement are deemed to be initiated by a Party's request for a panel under Article 6 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes of the WTO.

TITLE VII

Specific Duties of the Joint Committee with Respect to Trade and Other Related Matters

Article 48

1. The Joint Committee shall:
 - (a) supervise the implementation and proper operation of this Decision, as well as of any other decision concerning trade and other trade related matters;
 - (b) oversee the further elaboration of the provisions of this Decision;
 - (c) undertake consultations pursuant to Article 42 (2) and (3), to Articles 15, 16 and 23, and to the Joint Declarations to this Decision;
 - (d) carry out any functions assigned to it under this Decision or under any other decision concerning trade or trade related matters;
 - (e) assist the Joint Council in the performance of its functions regarding trade and other trade related matters;
 - (f) supervise the work of all the special committees established under this Decision; and

- (g) report annually to the Joint Council.
2. The Joint Committee may:
- (a) set up any special committees or bodies to deal with matters falling within its competence, and determine their composition and duties, and how they shall function;
 - (b) meet at any time by agreement of the Parties;
 - (c) consider any issues regarding trade and other trade related matters, and take appropriate action in the exercise of its functions; and
 - (d) take decisions or make recommendations on trade and other trade related matters, in accordance with Article 10 (2) of the Interim Agreement.
3. When the Joint Committee meets in order to perform any of the tasks conferred upon it by this Decision, it shall be composed of representatives of the European Community and the Mexican government with a responsibility for trade and trade related matters, normally at senior civil servant level.

TITLE VIII

Final Provisions

Article 49

Entry into force

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 July 2000 or on the first day of the month following that in which it is adopted by the Joint Council, whichever of these dates is the latest.

Article 50

Annexes

The Annexes to this Decision, including the Appendixes to those Annexes, are an integral part thereof.

Done at ...

For the Joint Council
The President
