

6. The States Parties to this Agreement shall ensure that the procedures for grant or registration or maintenance of intellectual property rights and the enforcement procedures be fair and equitable. They shall not be unnecessarily complicated and costly, or entail unreasonable time-limits or unwarranted delays. Enforcement provisions shall include in particular injunctions, damages adequate to compensate for the injury suffered by the right holder, as well as provisional measures, including *inaudita altera parte* ones.

7. (a) The States Parties to this Agreement shall establish appropriate modalities for technical assistance and co-operation of their respective authorities. To this end, they shall co-ordinate efforts with relevant international organizations, such as the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the European Patent Organisation (EPO).

(b) The States Parties to this Agreement agree to promptly hold expert consultations, at the request of any State Party to this Agreement, on activities relating to the existing or to future international conventions on harmonization, administration and enforcement of intellectual property and on activities in international organizations, such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the World Intellectual Property Organization, as well as relations of States Parties with third countries on matters concerning intellectual property.

ARTICLE 18

Rules of competition concerning undertakings

1. The following are incompatible with the proper functioning of this Agreement in so far as they may affect trade between the EFTA State and Poland:

- (a) all agreements between undertakings, decisions by associations of undertakings and concerted practices between undertakings which have as their object or effect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition;
- (b) abuse by one or more undertakings of a dominant position in the territories of the States Parties to this Agreement as a whole or in a substantial part thereof.

2. The provisions shall also apply to the activities of public undertakings and undertakings for which the State Parties to this Agreement grant special or exclusive rights, in so far as the application of these provisions does not obstruct the performance, in law or fact, of their particular public tasks.

3. If a State Party to this Agreement considers that a given practice is incompatible with this Article, it may take measures it considers necessary to deal with the serious difficulties resulting from the practices in question under the conditions and in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 25.

ARTICLE 19

State aid

1. Any aid granted by a State Party to this Agreement or through State resources in any form whatsoever which distorts or threatens to distort competition by favouring certain undertakings or the