

hold consultations within the Joint Committee. The Committee shall keep under review the possibility of further removal of the obstacles to trade between the EFTA States and Poland.

3. The Joint Committee may take decisions in the cases provided for in this Agreement. On other matters the Committee may make recommendations.

ARTICLE 28

Procedures of the Joint Committee

1. For the proper implementation of this Agreement, the Joint Committee shall meet whenever necessary but at least once a year. Each State Party to this Agreement may request that a meeting be held.

2. The Joint Committee shall act by common agreement.

3. If a representative in the Joint Committee of a State Party to this Agreement has accepted a decision subject to the fulfilment of constitutional requirements, the decision shall enter into force, if no later date is contained therein, on the day the withdrawal of the reservation is notified.

4. The Joint Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure which shall, *inter alia*, contain provisions for convening meetings and for the designation of the Chairman and his term of office.

5. The Joint Committee may decide to set up such sub-committees and working parties as it considers necessary to assist it in accomplishing its tasks.

ARTICLE 29

Evolutionary clause

1. Where a State Party to this Agreement considers that it would be useful in the interests of the economies of the States Parties to this Agreement to develop and deepen the relations established by the Agreement by extending them to fields not covered thereby, it shall submit a reasoned request to the States Parties to this Agreement. The States Parties to this Agreement may instruct the Joint Committee to examine this request and, where appropriate, to make recommendations to them, particularly with a view to opening negotiations.

2. Agreements resulting from the procedure referred to in paragraph 1 will be subject to ratification or approval by the States Parties to this Agreement in accordance with their own procedures.

ARTICLE 30

Services and investment

1. The States Parties to this Agreement recognize the growing importance of certain areas, such as services and investments. In their efforts to gradually develop and broaden their co-operation, in particular in the context of European integration, they will co-operate with the aim of achieving a progressive liberalization and mutual opening of markets for investments and trade in services, taking into account relevant GATT work.

2. The EFTA States and Poland will discuss in the Joint Committee the possibilities to extend their trade relations to the fields of foreign direct investment and trade in services.

ARTICLE 31

Fulfilment of obligations

1. The States Parties to this Agreement shall take all necessary measures to ensure the achievement of the objectives of the Agreement and the fulfilment of their obligations under the Agreement.
2. If an EFTA State considers that Poland has, or if Poland considers that an EFTA State has failed to fulfil an obligation under this Agreement, the State Party concerned may take the appropriate measures under the conditions and in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 25.

ARTICLE 32

Annexes and Protocols

The Annexes and the Protocols to this Agreement are an integral part of it. The Joint Committee may decide to amend the Annexes, and Protocols A and B.

ARTICLE 33

Trade relations governed by other Agreements

1. This Agreement applies to trade relations between, on the one side, the individual EFTA States and, on the other side, Poland, but not to the trade relations between individual EFTA States, unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement.

2. (a) The Agreement between Finland and Poland on the Reciprocal Removal of Obstacles to Trade, signed on 29 September 1976, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Finland-Poland Agreement), shall remain in force until the substance of the mutual benefits granted by that Agreement to its Parties has been fully overtaken by the present Agreement.

At that stage the Finland-Poland Agreement will be terminated by a joint decision of Finland and Poland. The other States Parties to the present Agreement shall be notified of this decision without delay.

- (b) The provisions of Articles 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 29 and 30 of the present Agreement shall also apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to trade between Finland and Poland under the Finland-Poland Agreement.
- (c) Specific rules on the implementation of this Article are contained in Annexes XV and XVI to the present Agreement.