

be notified without delay and consultations between the States Parties to this Agreement shall take place as soon as possible within the Joint Committee.

ARTICLE 26

Security exceptions

Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a State Party to this Agreement from taking any measures which it considers necessary:

- (a) to prevent the disclosure of information contrary to its essential security interests;
- (b) for the protection of its essential security interests or for the implementation of international obligations or national policies
 - (i) relating to the traffic in arms, ammunition and implements of war, provided that such measures do not impair the conditions of competition in respect of products not intended for specifically military purposes, and to such traffic in other goods, materials and services as is carried on directly or indirectly for the purpose of supplying a military establishment; or
 - (ii) relating to the non-proliferation of biological and chemical weapons, nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices; or
 - (iii) taken in time of war or other serious international tension constituting threat of war.

ARTICLE 27

The Joint Committee

1. The implementation of this Agreement shall be supervised and administered by the Joint Committee established under the Geneva Declaration, which will also have the powers and competences entrusted to the Joint Committee under this Agreement.
2. For the purpose of the proper implementation of the Agreement, the States Parties to this Agreement shall exchange information and, at the request of any State Party to this Agreement, shall 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 Romania.
3. The Joint Committee may take decisions in the cases provided for in this Agreement. On other matters the Committee may make recommendations.