

CHAPTER 4 INVESTMENT, SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

ARTICLE 24

Investment

1. The Parties shall endeavour to provide in their territories stable, equitable and transparent investment conditions for investors of the other Parties that are making or seeking to make investments in their territories.
2. The Parties shall admit investments by investors of the other Parties in accordance with their laws and regulations. They recognise that it is inappropriate to encourage investment by relaxing health, safety or environmental standards.
3. The Parties recognise the importance of promoting investment and technology flows as a means for achieving economic growth and development. Co-operation in this respect may include:
 - (a) appropriate means of identifying investment opportunities and information channels on investment regulations;
 - (b) exchange of information on measures to promote investment abroad; and
 - (c) the furthering of a legal environment conducive to increased investment flows.
4. The Parties affirm their commitment to review issues related to investment in the Joint Committee no later than five years after the entry into force of this Agreement, including the right of establishment of investors of one Party in the territory of another Party.
5. Albania, on the one part, and Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, and the Swiss Confederation, on the other, shall refrain from arbitrary or discriminatory measures regarding investments by investors of another Party mentioned in this paragraph and shall observe any obligation they have entered into with regard to a specific investment by an investor of another Party mentioned in this paragraph.

ARTICLE 25

Trade in Services

1. The Parties shall aim at achieving gradual liberalisation and the opening of their markets for trade in services in accordance with the provisions of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (hereinafter referred to as “the GATS”), taking into account ongoing work under the auspices of the WTO.
2. If a Party grants to a non-Party, after the entry into force of this Agreement, additional benefits with regard to the access to its services markets, it shall afford adequate opportunities for negotiations with a view to extending these benefits to another Party on a reciprocal basis.
3. The Parties undertake to keep under review paragraphs 1 and 2 with a view to establishing an agreement on liberalisation of trade in services in accordance with Article V of the GATS.

ARTICLE 26

Government Procurement

1. The Parties shall enhance their mutual understanding of their government procurement laws and regulations with a view to progressively liberalising their respective procurement markets on the basis of non-discrimination and reciprocity.
2. In order to improve transparency, the Parties shall publish their laws, or otherwise make publicly available their laws, regulations and administrative rulings of general application as well as their respective international agreements that may affect their procurement markets. The Parties shall promptly respond to specific questions and provide, upon request, information to each other on matters referred to in this paragraph.
3. If a Party grants to a non-Party, after the entry into force of this Agreement, additional benefits with regard to the access to its procurement markets, it shall agree to enter into negotiations with a view to extending these benefits to another Party on a reciprocal basis.