

CHAPTER 10

CO-OPERATION

ARTICLE 10.1

Scope and Objectives

1. The Parties shall decide to foster co-operation that allows support of trade capacity building (hereinafter referred to as “TCB”) initiatives in order to expand and improve the benefits of this Agreement, on mutually agreed terms, in accordance with national strategies and policy objectives
2. The co-operation under this Chapter shall pursue the following objectives:
 - (a) strengthening and developing the existing relations with regard to TCB between the Parties;
 - (b) enhancing and creating new trade and investment opportunities, fostering competitiveness and innovation; and
 - (c) implementing this Agreement and optimising its results, in order to provide an impulse for economic growth and development and to contribute to the reduction of poverty.

ARTICLE 10.2

Methods and Means

1. The Parties shall co-operate with the objective of identifying and employing the most effective methods and means for the implementation of this Chapter. To this end they shall coordinate efforts with relevant international organisations and develop, where applicable, synergies with other forms of bilateral co-operation between the Parties.
2. Co-operation under this Chapter shall be carried out either through EFTA activities, bilaterally or through a combination of the two.
3. The Parties will use, among others, the following instruments for the implementation of this Chapter:

- (a) exchange of information and experience;
 - (b) joint identification, development and implementation of projects and innovative activities of co-operation, including seminars and workshops; and
 - (c) technical and administrative co-operation.
4. The Parties may initiate and implement projects and activities related to TCB with the participation of national and international experts and institutions.

ARTICLE 10.3

Joint Committee and Contact Points

1. For the implementation of this Chapter, the following contact points are designated:
- (a) for the EFTA-States: the EFTA Secretariat; and
 - (b) for Colombia: the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism
2. The contact points shall be responsible for the channelling of the project proposals. In addition they are responsible for managing and developing of EFTA co-operation projects and are the links to the Joint Committee. For this purpose they shall establish rules and procedures in order to facilitate this work.
3. For co-operation on a bilateral basis taking place under the present Chapter, EFTA States providing such co-operation shall designate a Contact point.
4. The Joint Committee shall periodically review the implementation of this Chapter and act as a co-ordinating body as appropriate.