

appropriate, in re-establishing the balance of rights and obligations under this Agreement.

CHAPTER 6 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

ARTICLE 6.1

Scope and Coverage

1. The rights and obligations of the Parties in respect of government procurement shall be governed by the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (hereinafter referred to as “the GPA”).
2. The Parties agree to co-operate in the Joint Committee with the aim of increasing the mutual understanding of their respective government procurement systems, and achieving further liberalisation and mutual opening up of their government procurement markets.

ARTICLE 6.2

Exchange of Information

To facilitate communication between the Parties on any matter regarding government procurement, contact points, responsible for providing information on the rules and regulations in the field of government procurement, are listed in Annex XII.

ARTICLE 6.3

Further Negotiations

1. Upon conclusion of bilateral negotiations between the Parties on further liberalisation of their respective government procurement markets in the framework of the negotiations aimed at amending the GPA, such liberalisation, including provisions from the agreement amending the main part of the GPA in so far as they are relevant for these additional liberalisations, shall be included in this Agreement. The Joint Committee shall take a decision to this effect within three months after conclusion of these bilateral negotiations. This decision shall be subject to ratification or acceptance by the Parties.

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 government procurement markets, this Party shall agree to enter into negotiations on the possible extension of these benefits to another Party on a reciprocal basis.

CHAPTER 7 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

ARTICLE 7.1

Protection of Intellectual Property

1. The Parties shall grant and ensure adequate, effective and non-discriminatory protection of intellectual property rights, and provide for measures for the enforcement of those rights against infringement, including counterfeiting and piracy, in accordance with this Article as well as Annex XIII and the international agreements referred to therein.

2. The Parties shall accord to each other's nationals treatment no less favourable than the treatment they accord to their own nationals. Exemptions from this obligation must be in accordance with the substantive provisions of Articles 3 and 5 of the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (hereinafter referred to as "the TRIPS Agreement").

3. With regard to the protection of intellectual property, the Parties shall, in accordance with the TRIPS Agreement, in particular Articles 4 and 5 thereof, grant to each other's nationals treatment no less favourable than that accorded to nationals of any third State.

4. The Parties agree, upon request of any Party made to the Joint Committee, and subject to consensus of the Parties, to review the provisions on intellectual property of this Agreement as appropriate, with a view to avoiding or remedying trade distortions caused by actual levels of protection of intellectual property rights, and to promoting intellectual property that facilitates trade and investment relations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 7.2

Scope of Intellectual Property

"Intellectual property" refers in particular to copyright, including computer programmes and compilations of data, as well as related rights, trademarks for goods and services, geographical indications, including appellations of origin, industrial