CHAPTER 3

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

ARTICLE 23

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 such rights against infringement thereof, counterfeiting and piracy, in accordance with the provisions of this Article, Annex VI and the international agreements referred to therein.
- 2. The Parties shall accord to each other's nationals treatment no less favourable than that 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 of 15 April 1994 on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (hereinafter referred to as the "TRIPS Agreement").
- 3. The Parties shall grant to each other's nationals treatment no less favourable than that accorded to nationals of any other State. Exemptions from this obligation must be in accordance with the substantive provisions of the TRIPS Agreement, in particular Articles 4 and 5 thereof.
- 4. The Parties agree, upon request of any Party, to review this Article and Annex VI with a view to further improving the levels of protection and to avoiding or remedying trade distortions caused by the current levels of protection of intellectual property rights.