

other relevant disciplines.

ARTICLE 4

Trade In Services

With a view to expediting the expansion of trade in services, the Parties agree to enter into negotiations to progressively liberalise trade in services with substantial sectoral coverage. Such negotiations shall be directed to:

- (a) progressive elimination of substantially all discrimination between or among the Parties and/or prohibition of new or more discriminatory measures with respect to trade in services between the Parties, except for measures permitted under Article V(1)(b) of the WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS);
- (b) expansion in the depth and scope of liberalisation of trade in services beyond those undertaken by ASEAN Member States and China under the GATS; and
- (c) enhanced co-operation in services between the Parties in order to improve efficiency and competitiveness, as well as to diversify the supply and distribution of services of the respective service suppliers of the Parties.

ARTICLE 5

Investment

To promote investments and to create a liberal, facilitative, transparent and competitive investment regime, the Parties agree to:

- (a) enter into negotiations in order to progressively liberalise the investment regime;
- (b) strengthen co-operation in investment, facilitate investment and improve transparency of investment rules and regulations; and
- (c) provide for the protection of investments.

ARTICLE 6

Early Harvest

With a view to accelerating the implementation of this Agreement, the Parties agree to implement an Early Harvest Programme (which is an integral part of the ASEAN-China FTA) for products covered under paragraph 3(a) below and which will commence and end in accordance with the timeframes set out in this Article.

For the purposes of this Article, the following definitions shall apply unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "ASEAN 6" refers to Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand;
- (b) "applied MFN tariff rates" shall include in-quota rates, and shall: