

CHAPTER 9

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Article 1

General

The Parties recognise the economic growth and opportunity that electronic commerce provides, the importance of promoting the use and development of electronic commerce, and the applicability of the WTO Agreement to measures affecting electronic commerce.

Article 2

Cooperation on Electronic Commerce

1. The Parties agree to share information and experience on issues related to electronic commerce, including, *inter alia*, laws and regulations, rules and standards, and best practices.
2. The Parties shall encourage cooperation in research and training activities to enhance the development of electronic commerce.
3. The Parties shall encourage business exchanges, cooperative activities and joint electronic commerce projects.
4. The Parties shall actively participate in regional and multilateral fora to promote the development of electronic commerce in a cooperative manner.
5. The Parties agree that cooperation under this Article shall be conducted in a manner compatible with their respective laws, regulations and competence.