

CHAPTER 11 ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Article 11.1 Objectives

1. The Parties agree to establish a framework for cooperation as a means to expand and enhance the benefits of this Agreement and to promote capacity building activities in areas of mutual interest taking into account existing economic cooperation between them.
2. The Parties shall establish close cooperation aimed *inter alia* at:
 - (a) promoting and enhancing economic cooperation between them to further development objectives in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of each Party;
 - (b) complementing existing, and building new, cooperative relationships between the Parties;
 - (c) creating new opportunities for trade and investment and promoting competitiveness and innovation including through the involvement, where appropriate, of the private sector;
 - (d) contributing to the important role of the private sector in promoting and building strategic alliances to encourage mutual economic growth and development;
 - (e) encouraging through this cooperative process the presence of the Parties and their goods and services in each others' respective markets; and
 - (f) increasing and deepening the level of cooperation activities between the Parties in areas of mutual interest.

Article 11.2 Scope

1. The Parties affirm the importance of all forms of co-operation to be identified and discussed by the Sub-Committee on Economic Cooperation. The areas of cooperation include, but not limited to:
 - (a) Infrastructure Development;
 - (b) Human Resource Development;
 - (c) Science and Technology, including Health;
 - (d) Creative Industries;

- (e) Tourism;
- (f) Small and Medium Enterprises;
- (g) Business Facilitation;
- (h) Finance; and
- (i) Other related areas of cooperation to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties in accordance with the objectives as set out in Article 1.1 (Objectives) of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding ongoing cooperation activities, cooperation in the areas identified shall commence upon the entry into force of this Agreement, in which some of the identified projects could be implemented as soon as possible thereafter.

2. Cooperation between the Parties should contribute to achieving the objectives of this Agreement and in particular the objectives in Article 1.1 (Objectives).

3. Cooperation between the Parties under this Chapter will supplement the cooperation and cooperative activities between the Parties set out in this Agreement.

Article 11.3 Resources

Cooperation shall be undertaken subject to the availability of resources of each Party and the applicable laws and regulations of each Party.

Article 11.4 Implementation

The Sub-Committee on Economic Cooperation established under Article 15.2 (Sub-Committees) shall consider matters relating to the implementation of this Chapter.

Article 11.5 Mechanisms for Implementation of Cooperation

1. The Parties agree that the mechanisms for cooperation shall take the form of:
 - (a) meetings of the Sub-Committee on Economic Cooperation;
 - (b) meetings, as required between the relevant institutions of the Parties (including, but not limited to, relevant government agencies and universities), to further the implementation of cooperation activities with a view to ensuring the successful implementation of economic cooperation under this Chapter; and
 - (c) use of diplomatic channels to promote dialogue and cooperation consistent with this Agreement.

2. In accordance with Article 15.1 (Joint Committee), in the area of economic cooperation the Joint Committee shall:

- (a) receive and deliberate on the reports of the Sub-Committee on Economic Cooperation;
- (b) make decisions on issues referred to it by the Sub-Committee on Economic Cooperation;
- (c) encourage undertaking of cooperation activities under the framework as well as new initiatives as agreed by the Parties; and
- (d) make recommendations on the cooperation activities under this Chapter for implementation through the Sub-Committee on Economic Cooperation, in accordance with the strategic priorities of the Parties.

Article 11.6 **Non-Application of Dispute Settlement**

Neither Party shall have recourse to the dispute settlement procedures under Chapter 14 (Dispute Settlement) in respect of this Chapter.