

- 5 No tariffs shall be raised under this Article before the developing domestic industry has commenced production.
- 6 The Parties shall, in accordance with Article 23, periodically review the operation of this Article and the time limits provided therein, with a view to preventing unjustifiable restrictions on trade between the Parties and ensuring that the objectives of this Agreement on fair competition in trade between the Parties are being achieved.

PART III: GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

Article 15

Principles Governing Government Procurement

- 1 The Parties are committed to the objective of liberalising government procurement within the Area as soon as possible.
- 2 In order to achieve this objective, the Parties agree:
 - (a) to identify existing measures and practices which prohibit or restrict the achievement of the objective set out in Paragraph 1;
 - (b) to adopt transparent measures and practices in respect of contract valuations, technical specifications, qualification and performance requirements, tendering procedures, and invitation, selection and challenge processes;
 - (c) that each Party shall, as soon as possible, take appropriate measures needed to minimise and remove the measures and practices identified in Paragraph 2(a);
 - (d) within two years of the entry into force of this Agreement, to conclude arrangements for detailed rules on government procurement. Those rules shall be included as a protocol to this Agreement;
 - (e) in accordance with Article 23, to periodically review progress made in liberalising government procurement and shall endeavour to resolve any problems arising in respect of the implementation of this Article.