

1. The Parties grant each other the concessions specified in the Annexes VII and VIII in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and provisions laid down in this Protocol.

2. Taking account of:

- the role of agriculture in their economies,
- the development of trade in agricultural products between the Parties,
- the particular sensitivity of the agricultural products,
- the rules of their agricultural policies,
- the consequences of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations

under the World Trade Organization,

the Parties to this Agreement declare their readiness to foster, in so far as their agricultural policies allow, the harmonious development of trade in agricultural products and to discuss this issue periodically in the Joint Committee.

3. Turkey and Romania shall not apply quantitative restrictions on imports of agricultural products in their mutual trade from the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 15

Concessions and Agricultural Policies

1. Without prejudice to the concessions granted under Article 13 and 14, the provisions of Chapter II shall not restrict in any way the pursuance of the respective agricultural policies of the Parties or the taking of any measures under such policies, including the implementation of the results of the World Trade Organization.

2. The Parties shall notify to the Joint Committee, changes in their respective agricultural policies pursued or measures applied which may affect the conditions of agricultural trade between them as provided for in this Agreement. Prompt consultations shall be held, upon request of any Party to examine the situation.

Article 16

Specific Safeguards

Notwithstanding other provisions of this Agreement and, in particular, Article 28, if given the particular sensitivity of the agricultural markets, imports of products originating in a Party, which are the subject to concessions granted under this Agreement, cause serious disturbance to the markets of the other Party, the Party concerned shall enter into consultations immediately to find the appropriate solution. Pending such solution, the Party concerned may take the measures it deems necessary.

CHAPTER III

Services and Investment

Article 17

1. The Parties recognize the growing importance of certain areas, such as services and investments. In their efforts to gradually develop and broaden their cooperation, in particular in the context of European integration, they will cooperate with the aim of achieving gradual liberalization and mutual opening of markets for investments and trade in services, taking into account relevant WTO provisions.
2. Turkey and Romania will discuss in the Joint Committee this cooperation with the aim to develop and deepen their relations under the Agreement.

CHAPTER IV

Common Provisions

Article 18

Rules of Origin and Cooperation in Customs Administration

1. Protocol D lays down the rules of origin and methods of administrative cooperation.
2. The Parties to this Agreement shall take appropriate measures, including regular reviews by the Joint Committee and arrangements for administrative cooperation, to ensure that the provisions of this Protocol and Articles 3 to 9 and 14, 19 and 20 are effectively and harmoniously applied and reduce as far as possible the formalities imposed on trade and to achieve mutually satisfactory solutions to any difficulties arising from the operation of those provisions.

Article 19

Internal Taxation

1. The Parties shall refrain from any measure or practice of an internal fiscal nature establishing, whether directly or indirectly, discrimination between the products and like products originating in the Parties.
2. Products exported to the territory of one of the Parties may not benefit from repayment of internal taxes in excess of the amount of direct or indirect taxes imposed on them.

Article 20

General Exceptions

This Agreement shall not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on imports, exports or goods in transit justified on grounds of public morality, public order or public security, the protection of human, animal or plant life or health and of environment, the protection of national treasures possessing artistic, historic or archaeological value, protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property, or rules relating to gold or silver or the conservation of exhaustible natural resources if such measures are made effective in conjunction with restrictions on domestic production or consumption. Such prohibitions or