

Industrial and agricultural development

6. The measures and programs within the fields of industrial development and the development of agriculture, forestry and fisheries referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article, may include those which contribute to:

- (a) investment in industries, including agro-based industries, with particular emphasis on those of a smaller or medium size;
- (b) the transfer of resources from Australia and New Zealand to the Forum Island countries through joint ventures and other commercial arrangements;
- (c) a greater degree of processing of raw materials produced in, and exported from, the Forum Island countries;
- (d) scientific and technological cooperation and training directed towards the acquisition, adaption and development by the Forum Island countries of skills essential to their industrial and agricultural development;
- (e) improvement of transport and communications, and other infrastructure associated with industrial and agricultural development; and
- (f) closer cooperation, including the exchange of information, between firms and organisations contributing to the improvement and expansion of industrial and agricultural production.

Article IX

Special treatment for Smaller Forum Island countries

In implementing this Agreement the particular trade problems and interests of Smaller Forum Island countries shall be taken into account and special treatment and special measures may be provided by the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand to enable individual Smaller Forum Island countries to overcome the specific difficulties and obstacles resulting from the exceptional nature of their needs and characteristics and to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by this Agreement. This shall not be deemed to exclude the eligibility of other Forum Island countries to receive special treatment as provided for in this Agreement to enable them to overcome special problems.

Article X

Consultations

1. In addition to the procedures for consultation provided for elsewhere in this Agreement a Party may at any time request consultations on any matter related to the implementation of this Agreement.

2. Any such request shall be submitted in writing to the Director and shall be accompanied by a statement of the reasons for which the consultations are sought.

3. On receipt of a request for consultations the Director shall inform the Parties accordingly and arrange for consultations between interested Parties.

Article XI

Institutional arrangements

1. For the purposes of this Agreement a Regional Committee on Trade is hereby established, which shall be composed of a representative from each Party.

2. The Committee shall have the following functions:

(a) to review the operation of this Agreement and to make necessary recommendations to the Forum;

(b) to consider any matter relating to the implementation of this Agreement;

(c) to review the Schedules; and

(d) to report annually to the Forum through the Director.

3. Annual meetings shall be convened by the Director. Special meetings may be convened by the Director or by the Director at the request of the majority of the Parties. The Committee shall hold its first meeting not later than one year after the entry into force of this Agreement.

4. The Committee shall appoint a Chairman at its first meeting. The chairmanship shall rotate every year as decided by the Committee.

5. Decisions of the Committee shall be by consensus.

6. The Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure and may appoint sub-committees to assist in performing its functions.

7. The Director shall be responsible for the secretariat services for the Committee and other duties as specified in this Agreement.

Article XII

Bilateral arrangements

The provisions of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the bilateral commitments or arrangements which the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand have entered into with the Governments of the Forum Island countries,