

CHAPTER VIII

TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

Article 1 - Objectives

Having regard to Article 7 of the Framework Agreement signed by the Parties on December 8, 2005, the Parties reaffirm the importance of technological and technical cooperation as means to contribute to the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 2 - Technological Cooperation

1. The Parties shall establish a technological cooperation mechanism in order to develop their industrial sectors and infrastructure, in particular in the fields of agricultural and agro-industrial activities, banking, engineering and construction, chemistry, fine chemistry, fertilizers, pharmacy (especially active principles), automation and robotics, irrigation, alloys and super alloys, avionics, microelectronics, telecommunication, health, medical equipment, education, security equipment systems and other fields. The technological cooperation may be comprised of technology transfer and joint projects for the development of new technologies as well as other initiatives.

2. With this aim, the Joint Committee shall, no later than six months after the entry into force of this Agreement, define priority sectors for technological cooperation, and request the Parties' respective relevant authorities to identify specific projects and to establish mechanisms for their implementation.

Article 3 - Technical Cooperation

1. The Parties shall establish a technical cooperation mechanism in order to develop their technical capabilities in specific sectors, with particular attention to smaller economies which are Signatory Parties to this Agreement, and SME's (Small and Medium Enterprises), including:



- organization and holding of fairs, exhibitions, conferences, advertising, consultancy and other business services;
- development of contacts between business entities, manufacturers associations, chambers of commerce and other business associations of both Contracting Parties;
- training of technicians.

2. With this aim, the Joint Committee shall, no later than six months after the entry into force of this Agreement, define priority sectors for technical cooperation and request the Parties' respective relevant authorities to identify specific projects and to establish mechanisms for their implementation.

Article 4 - Bilateral Instruments

The activities undertaken under this Chapter shall not affect the cooperation initiatives based on bilateral instruments between any two of the Signatory Parties.

