

Article 28

The Committee shall adopt its decisions by consensus and shall have the following functions, *inter alia*:

- a) to ensure the proper functioning and implementation of this Agreement, its Annexes and Additional Protocols and the dialogue between the Parties;
- b) to consider and submit to the Parties any modifications and amendments to this Agreement;
- c) to evaluate the process of trade liberalisation established under this Agreement, study the development of trade between the Parties and recommend further steps to create a free trade area in accordance with Article 2;
- d) to perform other functions that may arise from the provisions of this Agreement, its Annexes and any Additional Protocols;
- e) to establish mechanisms to encourage the active participation of the private sectors in trade between the Parties;
- f) to exchange opinions and make suggestions on any issue of mutual interest relating to trade, including future action;
- g) to address non-tariff measures that unnecessarily restrict trade between the Parties.

Chapter XII Further Market Access

Article 29

The Parties undertake to continue to explore the possibilities for enhancing market access among themselves.

Article 30

1. The Parties recognize the particular importance of enhancing market access for smaller economies in MERCOSUR and SACU.
2. In this regard, the Parties instruct the Committee to accord priority to this objective.

Chapter XIII Settlement of Disputes

Article 31

Any disputes arising in connection with the application of, interpretation of, or non-compliance with this Agreement shall be settled in accordance with the rules established in the Annex V of this Agreement.