

3. A Party (customs union) which intends to apply or prolong certain antidumping or countervailing measures, shall provide adequate possibility for conducting preliminary consultations before the completion of the investigation by the interested Parties.

4. When choosing a type of antidumping or countervailing measures, the Parties (customs union) shall give the priority to those measures which will cause the least damage to achieving the purposes of this Treaty.

Article 10

Granting of Subsidies

1. The Parties shall grant subsidies in accordance with the provisions of Articles VI, XVI of GATT 1994 and of the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

2. The Parties shall not maintain and shall not grant any prohibited subsidies under Article 3 of the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, except for the measures stipulated in Annex 3 to this Treaty, which is its integral part.

3. The Parties shall refrain from granting any specific subsidies under Article 2 of the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures which may cause a serious infringement of interests of other Parties and will entail negative consequences stipulated by Article 6 of the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

4. Each Party shall ensure transparency of state aid to enterprises by means of annual information of the other Parties about the total amount and distribution of the aid rendered by the state and providing, upon the request of another Party, information about rendering of state aid in concrete cases and schemes of granting such aid.

Article 11

Technical Barriers to Trade

In mutual trade the Parties shall apply technical measures, including technical regulations, standards and procedures of conformity assessment, while being guided by the rules and principles of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.

The Parties shall cooperate in the field of standardization, metrology, assessment (confirmation) of conformity, accreditation, state control (supervision) within the framework of the Interstate Council for Standardization, Metrology and Certification under the Agreement on Coordinated Policy in the Field of Standardization, Metrology and Certification of March 13, 1992.

Article 12

Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

In mutual trade the Parties shall be guided by the rules and principles of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, as well as international treaties in the relevant fields whose participants they are.

Article 13

Payments

1. The Parties shall not maintain ongoing restrictions and shall not establish new restrictions on international transfers and payments for the supply of goods within the framework of mutual trade in goods, except for the cases stipulated in Article 14 of this Treaty.

2. Nothing in this Treaty shall affect the rights and obligations of the Parties ensuing from