consultations immediately to find an appropriate solution. Pending such solution, the Party concerned may take the measures it deems necessary in accordance with the relevant WTO rules.

CHAPTER III SERVICES AND INVESTMENTS

ARTICLE 14

- 1. The Parties to this Agreement recognize the growing importance of services and investments. In their efforts to gradually develop and broaden their cooperation, in particular in the context of the European integration, they will co-operate with the aim of further promoting investments and achieving a progressive liberalization and mutual opening of their markets for investments and trade in services, taking into account relevant provisions of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).
- 2. The Parties will discuss in the Joint Committee this co-operation with the aim of developing and deepening of their relations in conformity with this Article.

CHAPTER IV COMMON PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 15 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 of one Party and like products originating in the other Party.
- 2. Products exported to the territory of one of the Parties may not benefit from repayment of internal indirect taxation which exceed amount of the indirect taxation imposed on those products.

ARTICLE 16

Customs Unions, Free Trade Areas and Cross-Border Arrangements

1. This Agreement shall not prevent the maintenance or establishment of customs unions, free trade areas or arrangements for cross-border trade of the Parties with third countries to the extent that these do not negatively affect the trade regime and in particular the provisions concerning rules of origin provided for by this Agreement.