

- (b) exchanging information on any matters related to this Chapter;
 - (c) discussing any issues related to this Chapter, including the interpretation and application of this Chapter;
 - (d) reporting the findings of the Sub-Committee and, where appropriate, making recommendations, to the Joint Committee; and
 - (e) carrying out other functions as may be delegated by the Joint Committee in accordance with Article 11.
3. The Sub-Committee shall be:
- (a) composed of representatives of the Governments of the Parties; and
 - (b) co-chaired by officials of the Governments of the Parties.
4. The Sub-Committee may invite representatives of relevant entities other than the Governments of the Parties with the necessary expertise relevant to the issues to be discussed.
5. The Sub-Committee shall meet at such venues and times as may be agreed by the Parties.

Chapter 8 Improvement of Business Environment

Article 96 Basic Principles

1. Each Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, take appropriate measures to further improve the business environment for the benefit of the enterprises of the other Party conducting their business activities in the former Party.
2. The Parties shall, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, promote cooperation to further improve the business environment in the respective Parties.

Article 97 Intellectual Property

Each Party, recognising the importance of protecting intellectual property in further improving the business environment in the Party, shall:

- (a) endeavour to improve its intellectual property protection system;
- (b) comply with the obligations set out in the international agreements relating to intellectual property to which it is a party;
- (c) endeavour to become a party to international agreements relating to intellectual property to which it is not a party;
- (d) endeavour to ensure transparent and streamlined administrative procedures concerning intellectual property;
- (e) endeavour to ensure adequate and effective enforcement of intellectual property rights; and
- (f) endeavour to further promote public awareness of protection of intellectual property.

Article 98 Government Procurement

Each Party, recognising the importance of enhancing liberalisation of its government procurement markets in further improving the business environment in the Party, shall endeavour to:

- (a) accord most-favoured-nation treatment to goods, services and suppliers of the other Party;
- (b) enhance transparency of the measures regarding government procurement; and
- (c) implement in a fair and effective manner the measures regarding government procurement.

Article 99 Sub-Committee on Improvement of Business Environment

1. For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, a Sub-Committee on Improvement of Business Environment (hereinafter referred to in this Article as "Sub-Committee") shall be established on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

2. The functions of the Sub-Committee shall be:
 - (a) addressing issues that the Sub-Committee considers appropriate in cooperation with other relevant sub-committee(s) with a view to avoiding unnecessary overlap with the works of such other relevant sub-committee(s);
 - (b) making, as needed, recommendations to the Parties on appropriate measures to be taken by the Parties;
 - (c) receiving information on the implementation of such recommendations from the relevant authorities of the Governments of the Parties;
 - (d) making public, as needed, such recommendations in an appropriate manner;
 - (e) reporting the findings of the Sub-Committee to the Joint Committee; and
 - (f) carrying out other functions as may be delegated by the Joint Committee in accordance with Article 11.
3. The Sub-Committee shall be:
 - (a) composed of representatives of the Governments of the Parties; and
 - (b) co-chaired by officials of the Governments of the Parties.
4. The Sub-Committee may invite representatives of relevant entities other than the Governments of the Parties with the necessary expertise relevant to the issues to be discussed.
5. The Sub-Committee shall meet at such venues and times as may be agreed by the Parties.

Article 100
Non-Application of Chapter 10

The dispute settlement procedures provided for in Chapter 10 shall not apply to this Chapter.