

Chapter 9 Cooperation

Article 101 Basic Principles

1. The Parties shall, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, promote cooperation under this Agreement for their mutual benefits in order to liberalise and facilitate trade and investment between the Parties and to promote the well-being of the peoples of both Parties. For this purpose, the Parties shall cooperate and, where necessary and appropriate, encourage and facilitate cooperation between their respective entities in the private sector.

2. The main objective of this Chapter is to provide a framework for cooperation in order to:

- (a) diversify economic relations between the Parties;
- (b) strengthen economic competitiveness of the Parties;
- (c) advance human resource development in the Parties;
- (d) promote sustainable development in the Parties;
and
- (e) improve overall well-being of the peoples of both Parties.

Article 102 Fields of Cooperation

The fields of cooperation under this Chapter shall include:

- (a) trade and investment promotion;
- (b) small and medium enterprises;
- (c) agriculture, forestry and fisheries;
- (d) tourism;
- (e) education and human resource development;
- (f) information and communications technology;
- (g) science and technology;

- (h) environment;
- (i) intellectual property;
- (j) land transportation; and
- (k) other fields to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 103 Areas and Forms of Cooperation

Areas and forms of cooperation under this Chapter shall, as appropriate, be set forth in the Implementing Agreement.

Article 104 Costs of Cooperation

1. The Parties shall endeavour to make available the necessary funds and other resources for the implementation of cooperation under this Chapter in accordance with their respective laws and regulations.
2. Costs of cooperation under this Chapter shall be borne in such manner to be mutually agreed by the Parties.

Article 105 Sub-Committee on Cooperation

1. For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, a Sub-Committee on Cooperation (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) identifying and proposing priority fields for cooperation under this Chapter;
 - (b) reviewing, monitoring and facilitating the proper coordination for the implementation and operation of this Chapter;
 - (c) discussing any issues related to this Chapter;

- (d) reporting the findings and the outcome of discussions of the Sub-Committee, and where necessary, making recommendations to the Joint Committee regarding issues relating to the implementation of this Chapter, including the measures to be taken by the Parties; 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.

Article 106
Non-Application of Chapter 10

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

Chapter 10
Dispute Settlement

Article 107
Scope

1. Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, this Chapter shall apply with respect to the settlement of disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement.
2. Nothing in this Chapter shall prejudice any rights of the Parties to have recourse to dispute settlement procedures available under any other international agreement to which both Parties are parties.