

CHAPTER 15
ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Article 15.1: Joint Committee

1. The Parties hereby establish a Joint Committee.
2. The Joint Committee shall be composed of relevant government officials of each Party and shall be co-chaired by senior officials of the Parties.
3. Unless the Parties agree otherwise, the Joint Committee shall meet within one year from the entry into force of this Agreement and every two years thereafter, to consider any matter relating to this Agreement. The regular sessions of the Joint Committee shall be held alternately in the territories of the Parties.
4. The Joint Committee shall promptly hold special sessions from the date of a request thereof from either Party, unless the Parties agree otherwise.
5. All decisions of the Joint Committee shall be taken by mutual agreement.
6. The functions of the Joint Committee shall be as follows:
 - (a) to review and monitor the implementation and operation of this Agreement;
 - (b) to supervise and coordinate the work of all committees, subcommittees and working groups established under this Agreement;
 - (c) if requested by either Party, to propose mutually agreed interpretation to the provisions of this Agreement to be adopted by the Parties;
 - (d) to adopt decisions or make recommendations as envisaged by this Agreement; and
 - (e) to carry out any other functions as may be agreed by the Parties.
7. The Joint Committee may:
 - (a) establish standing or *ad hoc* subcommittees or working groups and assign any of its powers thereto;
 - (b) consider and recommend to the Parties amendments to this Agreement.
8. The Joint Committee shall establish its own rules of working procedures.

9. Meetings of the Joint Committee and of any standing or *ad hoc* subcommittees or working groups may be conducted in person or by any other means as determined by the Parties.

Article 15.2: Contact Points

1. Each Party shall designate a contact point to receive and facilitate official communications between the Parties on any matter relating to this Agreement.
2. All official communications in relation to this Agreement shall be in the English language.