2. The Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade shall have the following functions:

(a) reviewing the implementation and operation of this Chapter;

(b) reviewing the cooperation in the development and improvement of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures as provided for in Article 7.12;

(c) reviewing this Chapter in light of any developments under the WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade established under Article 13 of the TBT Agreement, and if necessary, developing recommendations for amendments to this Chapter;

(d) taking any steps which the Parties may consider to be of assistance in their implementation of this Chapter and the TBT Agreement and in facilitating trade between the Parties;

(e) discussing any matter covered by this Chapter, on request of a Party;

(f) promptly addressing any issue that a Party raises related to the development, adoption or application of technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment procedures of the other Party under this Chapter and the TBT Agreement;

(g) establishing, if necessary to achieve the objectives of this Chapter, *ad hoc* technical working groups to deal with specific issues or sectors with a view to identifying a solution;

(h) exchanging information on the work in regional and multilateral fora engaged in activities relating to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures and on the implementation and operation of this Chapter;

(i) carrying out other functions as may be delegated by the Joint Committee pursuant to subparagraph 5(b) of Article 22.1; and

(j) reporting to the Joint Committee, as it considers appropriate, on the implementation and operation of this Chapter.

3. The Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade and any *ad hoc* technical working group under its auspices shall be coordinated by:

(a) for the European Union, the European Commission; and

(b) for Japan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

4. The authorities referred to in paragraph 3 shall be responsible for coordinating with the relevant institutions and persons in their respective territories as well as for ensuring that such institutions and persons are invited to the meetings of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade as necessary.