2. Any time period referred to in this Chapter may be modified for a particular dispute by agreement of the Parties. The panel may at any time propose to the Parties to modify any time period referred to in this Chapter, stating the reasons for the proposal. On request of a Party, the panel shall decide whether to modify the time period referred to in paragraph 2 and subparagraph 3(b) of Article 21.18, stating the reasons for its decision, *inter alia*, in view of the complexity of the particular dispute.

ARTICLE 21.29

Expenses

Unless the Parties agree otherwise, the expenses of the panel, including the remuneration of its arbitrators, shall be borne by the Parties in equal shares in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

ARTICLE 21.30

Rules of Procedure and Code of Conduct

The panel proceedings provided for in this Chapter shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of a Panel and the Code of Conduct for Arbitrators, to be adopted by the Joint Committee at its first meeting pursuant to subparagraph 4(f) of Article 22.1.

CHAPTER 22

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 22.1

Joint Committee

1. The Parties hereby establish a Joint Committee comprising representatives of both Parties.

2. The Joint Committee shall hold its first meeting within three months of the date of entry into force of this Agreement. Thereafter, the Joint Committee shall, unless otherwise agreed by the representatives of the Parties, meet once a year, or in urgent cases on request of either Party. The Joint Committee may meet in person or by other means, as agreed by the representatives of the Parties.

3. The meetings of the Joint Committee shall take place in the European Union or Japan alternately, unless otherwise agreed by the representatives of the Parties. The Joint Committee shall be co-chaired by the Member of the European Commission and a representative of Japan at ministerial level responsible for matters under this Agreement, or their respective delegates.