2. During the negotiations between the European Union and a third country referred to in paragraph 1, the European Union shall:

(a) on request of Japan and, to the extent possible, provide any information regarding any matter covered by this Agreement; and

(b) take into account any concerns expressed by Japan.

3. The Joint Committee shall examine any effects of accession of a third country to the European Union on this Agreement sufficiently in advance of the date of such accession.

4. To the extent necessary, the Parties shall, before the entry into force of the agreement on the accession of a third country to the European Union:

(a) amend this Agreement in accordance with Article 23.2; or

(b) put in place by decision of the Joint Committee any other necessary adjustments or transitional arrangements regarding this Agreement.

ARTICLE 23.8

Authentic texts

1. This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish and Japanese languages, all texts being equally authentic, except for Part 2 of Annex 2-A, Schedules of the European Union in Annexes I to IV to Annex 8-B and Section A of Part 2 of Annex 10, which are drawn up in duplicate in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish and Swedish languages, all of these texts being equally authentic.