(c) the award shall provide that it is made without prejudice to any right that any natural person or enterprise may have in the relief under applicable law.

17. The respondent may make available to the public in a timely manner all documents, including an award, submitted to, or issued by, an arbitral tribunal established under paragraph 4, subject to redaction of:

(a) confidential business information;

(b) information which is privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure under the laws and regulations of either Contracting Party; and

(c) information which shall be withheld pursuant to the relevant arbitration rules.

18. Unless the disputing parties agree otherwise, the place of arbitration shall be in a country that is a party to the New York Convention.

19. The award rendered by the arbitral tribunal shall be final and binding upon the disputing parties. This award shall be executed in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations, as well as relevant international law including the ICSID Convention and the New York Convention, concerning the execution of award in force in the country where such execution is sought.

Article 25
Exclusions from Dispute Settlement

A decision by Japan under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law (Law No. 228 of 1949), as may be amended, regarding an investment that requires prior notification under that law, including an order to alter the content of investment or discontinue the investment process, shall not be subject to the dispute settlement provisions under this Chapter.

Article 26
Service of Documents

1. Notices and other documents relating to arbitration under this Chapter shall be served on a Contracting Party by delivery to:

(a) with respect to Japan, International Legal Affairs Bureau, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and

(b) with respect to the Republic of Tajikistan, Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. A Contracting Party shall promptly make publicly available and notify to the other Contracting Party any change to the name of the authority referred to in paragraph 1.

3. Each Contracting Party shall make publicly available the address of its authority referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2.

CHAPTER III
JOINT COMMITTEE

Article 27
Joint Committee

1. The Contracting Parties shall establish a Joint Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) with a view to accomplishing the objectives of this Agreement. The functions of the Committee shall be:

(a) to discuss and review the implementation and operation of this Agreement;

(b) to review the non-conforming measures maintained, amended or modified pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 7 for the purpose of contributing to the reduction or elimination of such non-conforming measures;