(b) jointly contributing, where appropriate, to activities related to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures in international and regional fora; and

(c) reinforcing the role of international standards as a basis for technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures; and, in particular, promoting the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies and the acceptance of the results of conformity assessment procedures, on the basis of the relevant international standards.

Article 39
Enquiry Point

Each Party shall designate an enquiry point to answer all reasonable enquiries from the other Party regarding technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures and, if appropriate, provide the other Party with other relevant information which it considers the other Party should be made aware of.

Article 40
Acceptance of Results of Conformity Assessment Procedures

1. Each Party shall ensure that, in cases where a positive assurance of conformity with technical regulations is required for a particular product, suppliers of such product imported from the other Party shall be granted access on a non-discriminatory basis.

2. Each Party shall ensure, whenever possible, that results of the conformity assessment procedures in the other Party are accepted, even when those procedures differ from its own, provided it is satisfied that the procedures offer an assurance of conformity with applicable technical regulations or standards equivalent to its own procedures. In this regard, accreditation of conformity assessment bodies in accordance with relevant standards or guides issued by the international standardising bodies shall establish a rebuttable presumption of adequate technical competence.

3. The Parties recognise that prior consultations may be necessary in order to arrive at a mutually satisfactory understanding with regard to such matters as provided for in paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 of Article 6 of the TBT Agreement. Such consultations shall take place in the Sub-Committee on Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures provided for in Article 41.

4. A Party shall, upon request of the other Party and where appropriate, explain the reasons why it has not accepted the results of conformity assessment procedures in the other Party.

Article 41
Sub-Committee on Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures

1. For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, the Sub-Committee on Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures (hereinafter referred to in this Article as "the Sub-Committee") is hereby established.

2. The functions of the Sub-Committee shall be:

(a) coordinating and facilitating cooperation pursuant to this Chapter;

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

(c) discussing any issues related to this Chapter with the objective of finding mutually acceptable solutions;

(d) undertaking consultations on issues related to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures;

(e) reporting its findings to the Joint Committee; and

(f) carrying out other tasks assigned to it by the Joint Committee.

3. The Sub-Committee shall be composed of representatives of the Governments of the Parties, and may invite representatives of relevant entities other than the Governments of the Parties. All such representatives shall have the necessary expertise relevant to the issues to be discussed. The Sub-Committee may establish *ad hoc* working groups to accomplish specific tasks.