5. Each Party shall, to the extent possible, upon request by the other Party, make available to the other Party statistical data regarding the grant of entry into and temporary stay in the former Party for natural persons of the other Party under this Chapter.

Article 67
Expeditious Application Procedures

1. The competent authorities of each Party shall process without delay applications for the grant of entry and temporary stay or, where applicable, work permits or certificates of eligibility submitted for natural persons of the other Party, including applications for renewal thereof.

2. If the competent authorities of a Party require additional information from the applicant in order to process the application, they shall endeavour to notify the applicant without undue delay.

3. Upon request by the applicant, the competent authorities of a Party shall endeavour to provide, without undue delay, information concerning the status of the application.

4. After a decision has been taken, the competent authorities of a Party shall endeavour to notify without undue delay the applicant for entry and temporary stay or, where applicable, work permit or certificate of eligibility, of the outcome of the application. The notification shall include the period of stay and any other conditions.

Article 68
Measures Pursuant to Immigration Laws and Regulations

Except for this Chapter and Chapters 1, 14 and 16, nothing in this Agreement shall impose any obligation on either Party regarding measures pursuant to immigration laws and regulations.

Article 69
General and Security Exceptions

For the purposes of this Chapter, Articles 55 and 56 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Chapter 8
Electronic Commerce

Article 70
Scope

This Chapter shall apply to measures by a Party affecting electronic commerce, including for goods and services, in the context of their bilateral trade.

Article 71
General Provisions

1. The Parties recognise the economic growth and opportunity provided by the increasing use of electronic commerce in trade in goods and services, among others, in particular for businesses and consumers, the importance of avoiding barriers to its use and development and the need to create an environment of trust and confidence in its use.

2. The Parties recognise the principle of technological neutrality in the sense that any provisions related to trade in services do not distinguish between the different technological means through which a service may be supplied.

3. In the event of any inconsistency between this Chapter and Chapter 2, 6, 9 or 11, the Chapter other than this Chapter shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

4. This Chapter shall not apply to:

(a) government procurement;

(b) subsidies as defined in the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement; and

(c) taxation measures.