5. Each Party has the right to at least one hearing before the arbitral tribunal as well as the opportunity to provide initial and rebuttal written submissions. The arbitral tribunal may seek from the Parties such relevant information as it considers necessary and appropriate. The Parties shall respond promptly and fully to any request by an arbitral tribunal for such information.

6. The arbitral tribunal may seek information from any relevant source and may consult experts to obtain their opinion on certain aspects of the matter.

7. The Parties shall be given the opportunity to attend any of the presentations, statements or rebuttals in the proceeding. Any information provided or written submissions made by a Party to the arbitral tribunal, including any comments on the descriptive part of the draft award and responses to questions put by the arbitral tribunal, shall be made available to the other Party.

8. The arbitral tribunal shall, within 90 days after the date of its establishment, submit to the Parties its draft award, including both the descriptive part and its findings and conclusions, for the purpose of enabling the Parties to review it. When the arbitral tribunal considers that it cannot submit to the Parties its draft award within the afore-mentioned 90 days period, it may extend that period with the consent of the Parties. A Party may submit comments in writing to the arbitral tribunal on the draft award within 15 days after the date of submission of the draft award.

9. The arbitral tribunal shall issue its award within 30 days after the date of submission of the draft award.

10. The arbitral tribunal shall attempt to make its decisions, including its award, by consensus but may also make such decisions, including its award, by majority vote.

11. The award of the arbitral tribunal shall be made public.

Article 144
Suspension or Termination of Proceedings of Arbitral Tribunals

1. The Parties may agree to suspend the work of the arbitral tribunal at any time before the issuance of the award for a period not exceeding twelve months following the date of such agreement. If the work of the tribunal has been suspended for more than twelve months, the authority of the arbitral tribunal to examine the dispute shall lapse, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

2. The Parties may agree to terminate the proceedings of the arbitral tribunal at any time before the issuance of the award to the Parties by jointly so notifying the chair of the arbitral tribunal.

Article 145
Implementation of Award

1. The Party complained against shall promptly comply with the award issued by the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 143.

2. The Party complained against shall, within 20 days after the date of issuance of the award, notify the complaining Party of the means and the period of time for implementing the award, taking into account, if applicable, the implementation options attached to the award. If the complaining Party considers the notified means or period of time to be unacceptable, it may request the Party complained against to hold consultations with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution on the matter. If no such solution has been agreed upon within 20 days after the date of receipt of the request, the complaining Party may refer the matter to an arbitral tribunal, which then shall determine a reasonable means or period of time for implementing the award. The determination of the arbitral tribunal shall be presented within 15 days from the referral of the matter to the arbitral tribunal.

3. If the Party complained against considers it impracticable to comply with the award, it shall notify the complaining Party accordingly within 20 days after the issuance of the award and enter into consultations, with a view to agreeing on mutually satisfactory compensation. If no such compensation has been agreed upon within 20 days after the date of the notification, the complaining Party may notify the Party complained against that it intends to suspend the application of concessions or other obligations under this Agreement.