7. Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Article 2 and Article 5 shall not apply to any measure that a Contracting Party adopts or maintains with respect to government procurement.

Article 7

1. Each Contracting Party shall promptly publish, or otherwise make publicly available, its laws, regulations, administrative procedures, administrative rulings of general application and international agreements as well as, in accordance with its laws and regulations, judicial decisions of general application, which pertain to or affect investment activities.

2. Each Contracting Party shall, upon request by the other Contracting Party, promptly respond to specific questions and provide that other Contracting Party with information on matters set out in paragraph 1 above, including that relating to contract each Contracting Party enters into with regard to investment.

3. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall not be construed so as to oblige either Contracting Party to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which would impede law enforcement or otherwise be contrary to the public interest, or which would prejudice privacy or legitimate commercial interests.

Article 8

The Government of each Contracting Party shall, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Contracting Party, endeavor to provide, except in cases of emergency or of purely minor nature, a reasonable opportunity for comments by the public before the adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations of general application that affect any matter covered by this Agreement.

Article 9

Each Contracting Party shall ensure that measures and efforts are undertaken to prevent and combat corruption regarding matters covered by this Agreement in accordance with its laws and regulations.

Article 10

Each Contracting Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, give sympathetic consideration to applications for the entry, sojourn and residence of a natural person having the nationality of the other Contracting Party who wish to enter the territory of the former Contracting Party and remain therein for the purpose of investment activities.

Article 11

1. Neither Contracting Party shall expropriate or nationalize investments in its Area of investors of the other Contracting Party or take any measure equivalent to expropriation or nationalization (hereinafter referred to as "expropriation") except: (a) for a public purpose; (b) in a non-discriminatory manner; (c) upon payment of prompt, adequate and effective compensation pursuant to paragraphs 2, 3, and 4; and (d) in accordance with due process of law and Article 3.

2. Compensation shall be equivalent to the fair market value of the expropriated investments at the time when the expropriation was publicly announced or when the expropriation occurred, whichever is earlier. The fair market value shall not reflect any change in value occurring because the expropriation had become publicly known earlier.

3. The compensation shall be paid without delay and shall include interest at a commercially reasonable rate, taking into account the length of time until the time of payment. It shall be effectively realizable and freely transferable and shall be freely convertible into the currency of the Contracting Party of the investors concerned, and into freely usable currencies as defined in the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund, as may be amended, at the market exchange rate prevailing on the date of expropriation.

4. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 16, the investors affected by expropriation shall have a right of access, in accordance with the procedures established by the laws and regulations of the Contracting Party making the expropriation, to its courts of justice or administrative tribunals or agencies to seek a prompt review of the investors' case and the amount of compensation in accordance with the principles set out in this Article.