Article 80
General Provisions

1. The Parties shall grant and ensure adequate, effective, and non-discriminatory protection of intellectual property, promote efficiency and transparency in the administration of intellectual property protection system, and provide for measures for adequate and effective enforcement of intellectual property rights against infringement, counterfeiting, and piracy, in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and the international agreements to which both Parties are parties.

2. The Parties, recognizing the growing importance of protection of intellectual property in further promoting trade and investment between the Parties, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations and subject to their available resources, shall cooperate in the field of intellectual property.

3. Intellectual property referred to in this Chapter shall mean all categories of intellectual property:

(a) that are subject of Articles 86 through 92; and/or

(b) that are under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights in Annex 1C to the WTO Agreement (hereinafter referred to in this Chapter as "the TRIPS Agreement") and/or the relevant international agreements referred to in the TRIPS Agreement.

4. The Parties reaffirm their commitment to comply with the obligations set out in the international agreements relating to intellectual property to which both Parties are parties.

Article 81
National Treatment

Each Party shall accord to nationals of the other Party treatment no less favorable than the treatment it accords to its own nationals with regard to the protection of intellectual property in accordance with Articles 3 and 5 of the TRIPS Agreement.

Note: For the purposes of Articles 81 and 82, "nationals" shall have the same meaning as in the TRIPS Agreement, and "protection" shall include matters affecting the availability, acquisition, scope, maintenance, and enforcement of intellectual property rights as well as those matters affecting the use of intellectual property rights specifically addressed in this Chapter.

Article 82
Most-Favored-Nation Treatment

Each Party shall accord to nationals of the other Party treatment no less favorable than the treatment it accords to the nationals of a non-Party with regard to the protection of intellectual property in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the TRIPS Agreement.

Article 83
Streamlining and Harmonization of Procedural Matters

1. For the purposes of providing efficient administration of intellectual property protection system, each Party shall take appropriate measures to streamline its administrative procedures concerning intellectual property.

2. Neither Party may require the authentication of signatures or other means of self-identification on documents to be submitted to the competent authority of the Party, including applications, translations into a language accepted by such authority of any earlier application whose priority is claimed, powers of attorney, and certifications of assignment, in the course of application procedure or other administrative procedures on patents, utility models, industrial designs, or trademarks.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, a Party may require:

(a) the authentication of signatures or other means of self-identification, if the law of the Party so provides, where the signatures or other means of self-identification concern the change in ownership of a patent or a registration of utility models, industrial designs, or trademarks; and

(b) the submission of evidence if there is a reasonable doubt as to the authenticity of the signature or other means of self-identification on documents submitted to the competent authority of the Party. Where the competent authority notifies the person that the submission of evidence is required, the notification shall state the reason for doubting the authenticity of the signature or other means of self-identification.

4. Neither Party may require the certification, by any party other than the applicant or his or her representatives, of the accuracy of a translation of an earlier application whose priority is claimed.