Article 93
Reaffirmation of Rights and Obligations

The Parties reaffirm their rights and obligations relating to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures under the TBT Agreement.

Article 94
International Standards

1. Each Party shall use relevant international standards and guides or recommendations to the extent provided in paragraph 4 of Article 2 and paragraph 4 of Article 5 of the TBT Agreement, as a basis for its technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures.

2. Each Party shall encourage its national standardizing bodies to cooperate with the relevant national standardizing bodies of the other Party in international standardizing activities. Such cooperation may take place in regional and international standardizing bodies of which they are both members.

Article 95
Technical Regulations

1. Each Party shall give positive consideration to accepting as equivalent technical regulations of the other Party, even if these regulations differ from its own, provided it is satisfied that these regulations adequately fulfill the objectives of its own regulations.

2. Where a Party does not accept a technical regulation of the other Party as equivalent to its own, it shall, at the request of the other Party, explain its decision.

3. At the request of a Party that has an interest in developing a technical regulation similar to a technical regulation of the other Party, such other Party shall provide, to the extent practicable, relevant information, including studies or documents, except for confidential information, on which it has relied in its development.

Article 96
Conformity Assessment

1. The Parties recognize that a broad range of mechanisms exists to facilitate the acceptance in a Party of the results of conformity assessment procedures conducted in the other Party. Each Party shall, on request of the other Party, provide information on the range of such mechanisms used in its Area.

2. Where a Party does not accept the results of a conformity assessment procedure conducted in the other Party, it shall, on request of the other Party and subject to the laws and regulations of that Party, explain the reasons for its decision so that corrective action may be taken by the other Party when appropriate.

3. Each Party shall, whenever possible, accredit, designate or recognize conformity assessment bodies in the other Party on terms no less favorable than those it accords to conformity assessment bodies in its Area. If a Party accredits, designates or recognizes a body assessing conformity with a particular technical regulation or standard in its Area and it refuses to accredit, designate or recognize a body in the other Party assessing conformity with that technical regulation or standard, it shall, on request, explain the reasons for its refusal.

4. Where a Party declines a request from the other Party to enter into negotiations to conclude an arrangement for recognition in its Area of the results of conformity assessment procedures conducted by conformity assessment bodies in the other Party, it shall explain the reasons for its decision.

Article 97
Transparency

1. Each Party shall notify electronically to the other Party's enquiry point, established under Article 10 of the TBT Agreement, at the same time it submits its notification to the WTO Secretariat in accordance with the TBT Agreement:

(a) its proposed technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures; and