9. The award of the arbitral tribunal shall be drafted without the presence of the Parties, and in the light of the information provided and the statements made.

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

Article 214
Information in the Procedure

1. On request of either Party or on its own initiative, the arbitral tribunal, to the extent that it deems appropriate, may seek information from any relevant source and may consult experts to obtain their opinion on certain aspects of the matter concerned.

2. The arbitral tribunal may seek, from the Parties, such relevant information as it considers necessary and appropriate. The Parties shall respond to any request by the arbitral tribunal for such information.

3. Before the arbitral tribunal seeks information or consults experts, it shall establish appropriate procedures in consultation with the Parties. The arbitral tribunal shall provide the Parties with:

(a) prior notification of its intention to seek information or consult experts pursuant to paragraph 1, and an adequate time period to make observations; and

(b) a copy of any information or opinion of experts obtained pursuant to paragraph 1, and a period of time to submit comments.

4. When the arbitral tribunal takes into consideration any information or opinion of experts sought pursuant to paragraph 1 for the preparation of its award, it may also take into account any comments or observations submitted by the Parties with respect to such information or opinion of experts.

Article 215
Consolidation of Proceedings

The arbitral tribunal may consolidate two or more proceedings regarding the same measure or the same matter with the consent of the Parties.

Article 216
Award of the Arbitral Tribunal

1. The arbitral tribunal shall, within 90 days, or within 60 days in cases of urgency, after the date of its establishment, submit to the Parties its draft award, including the descriptive part and its findings and conclusions, for the purposes of enabling the Parties to review it. When the arbitral tribunal considers that it cannot submit its draft award within the aforementioned 90 or 60 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.

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

3. The award shall contain:

(a) findings on the facts of the case and the applicability of and conformity with this Agreement of the measure at issue, together with the reasons therefor;

(b) referential findings about the level of adverse trade effects caused to a Party by the other Party's failure to conform with the obligations of the Agreement; and

(c) at the request of either Party, suggested implementation options for the Parties to consider.

4. The arbitral tribunal shall base its awards on relevant provisions of this Agreement, applicable rules of international law, the submissions and arguments of the Parties, and any information provided pursuant to Article 214.