5. The arbitral tribunal may not, in its award, add to or diminish the rights and obligations of the Parties provided for in this Agreement.

6. The award, including its findings, of the arbitral tribunal shall be final and binding for the Parties.

Article 217
Suspension and Termination of Procedure

1. Where the Parties agree, the procedure of the arbitral tribunal may be suspended at any time for a period not exceeding 12 months. In the event of such a suspension, the time-frames set out in paragraph 4 of Article 213, paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 216 and paragraph 5 of Article 219 shall be extended by the amount of time that it was suspended for. The procedure of the arbitral tribunal shall be resumed at any time upon the request of either Party.

2. If the procedure of the arbitral tribunal has been suspended for more than 12 months, the authority for establishing of the arbitral tribunal shall lapse, unless the Parties agree otherwise. If the authority for establishing the arbitral tribunal lapses and the Parties have not settled the dispute, nothing in this Chapter shall prevent a Party from requesting a new proceeding regarding the same matter.

3. The Parties may agree to terminate the proceedings of the arbitral tribunal at any time by a joint notification to the chair of the arbitral tribunal before the issuance of the award to the Parties.

Article 218
Implementation of the Award

1. The Party complained against shall promptly comply with the award of the arbitral tribunal issued pursuant to Article 216.

2. The Party complained against shall, within 30 days after the date of issuance of the award, notify the complaining Party of the period which it assesses to be reasonable and necessary in order to implement the award.

3. If the complaining Party considers the period of time notified pursuant to paragraph 2 to be unacceptable, the Parties shall hold consultations to decide on a mutually agreed period of time in order to implement the award.

4. If the Parties are not able to agree on a period of time pursuant to paragraph 3 within 45 days after the date of the issuance of the award, the complaining Party may refer the matter to an arbitral tribunal, which shall determine a reasonable period of time to implement the award. In such arbitration, a guideline for the arbitral tribunal should be that the reasonable period of time to implement the award should not exceed 15 months from the date of issuance of the award. However, that time may be shorter or longer, depending upon the particular circumstances.

5. If the Party complained against considers it impracticable to comply with the award within the implementation period as determined pursuant to paragraphs 2 through 4, the Party complained against shall, no later than the expiry of that implementation period, enter into consultations with the complaining Party, with a view to developing mutually satisfactory compensation or any alternative arrangement.

6. Where there is disagreement between the Parties as to whether the Party complained against has complied with the award of the arbitral tribunal referred to in Article 216 within the implementation period as determined pursuant to paragraphs 2 through 4, either Party may refer the matter to an arbitral tribunal.

Article 219
Non-Implementation – Suspension of Benefits

1. If no satisfactory compensation or any alternative arrangement has been agreed pursuant to paragraph 5 of Article 218 within 20 days after the date of expiry of the implementation period as determined pursuant to paragraphs 2 through 4 of Article 218, the complaining Party may notify the Party complained against that it intends to suspend the application to the Party complained against of concessions or other obligations under this Agreement.