Article 8
Entry of Personnel

Each Contracting Party shall endeavor, to the extent possible, in accordance with its applicable laws and regulations, to facilitate the procedures for the entry, sojourn and residence of natural persons of another Contracting Party who wish to enter the territory of the former Contracting Party and to remain therein for the purpose of conducting business activities in connection with investments.

Article 9
Intellectual Property Rights

1. (a) Each Contracting Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, protect intellectual property rights.

(b) Each Contracting Party shall establish and maintain transparent intellectual property rights regimes, and will, under the existing consultation mechanism on intellectual property, promote cooperation and communications among the Contracting Parties in the intellectual property field.

2. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to derogate from the rights and obligations under international agreements in respect of protection of intellectual property rights to which two or more Contracting Parties are parties.

3. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to oblige a Contracting Party to extend to investors of another Contracting Party and their investments treatment accorded to investors of the third Contracting Party or of a non-Contracting Party and their investments by virtue of international agreements in respect of protection of intellectual property rights, to which, respectively, the first-mentioned Contracting Party and the third Contracting Party and the first-mentioned Contracting Party and the non-Contracting Party are parties.

Article 10
Transparency

1. Each Contracting Party shall promptly publish, or otherwise make publicly available, its laws, regulations, administrative procedures and administrative rulings and judicial decisions of general application as well as international agreements to which the Contracting Party is a party and which pertain to or affect investment activities. The Government of each Contracting Party shall make easily available to the public, the names and addresses of the competent authorities responsible for such laws, regulations, administrative procedures and administrative rulings.

2. When a Contracting Party introduces or changes its laws or regulations that significantly affect the implementation and operation of this Agreement, the Contracting Party shall endeavor to provide a reasonable interval between the time when such laws or regulations are published or made publicly available and the time when they enter into force, except for those laws or regulations involving national security, foreign exchange rates or monetary policies and other laws or regulations the publication of which would impede law enforcement.

3. Each Contracting Party shall, upon the request by another Contracting Party, within a reasonable period of time and through existing bilateral channels, respond to specific questions from, and provide information to, the latter Contracting Party with respect to any actual or proposed measure of the former Contracting Party, which might materially affect the interests of the latter Contracting Party and its investors under this Agreement.

4. Each Contracting Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations:

(a) make public in advance regulations of general application that affect any matter covered by this Agreement; and

(b) provide a reasonable opportunity for comments by the public for those regulations related to investment and give consideration to those comments before adoption of such regulations.