(b) hold, upon request by the other Contracting Party, consultations in good-faith with the other Contracting Party with a view to achieving mutual satisfaction.

5. Each Contracting Party shall endeavour, where appropriate, to reduce or eliminate the non-conforming measures specified in its Schedules in Annexes I and II respectively.

6. Articles 2, 3 and 6 shall not apply to any measure covered by the exceptions to, or derogations from, obligations under Articles 3 and 4 of the TRIPS Agreement, as specifically provided in Articles 3 through 5 of the TRIPS Agreement.

7. Articles 2, 3 and 6 shall not apply to any measure that a Contracting Party adopts or maintains with respect to government procurement.

Article 8
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 which pertain to or affect the implementation and operation of this Agreement.

Note: This paragraph shall not be construed so as to oblige either Contracting Party to make available to the public administrative rulings and judicial decisions which are protected under the laws and regulations of the Contracting Party.

2. Each Contracting Party shall make publicly available the names and addresses of the competent authorities responsible for laws, regulations, administrative procedures and administrative rulings, referred to in paragraph 1.

3. Each Contracting Party shall, upon request by the other Contracting Party, promptly respond to specific questions and provide that other Contracting Party with information on matters set out in paragraph 1, including that relating to a contract each Contracting Party enters into with regard to investment.

4. Paragraphs 1 and 3 shall not be construed so as to oblige either Contracting Party to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which would impede law enforcement or otherwise be contrary to the public interest, or which would prejudice privacy or legitimate commercial interests.

Article 9
Public Comment Procedures

Each Contracting Party shall, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Contracting Party, endeavour to provide, except in cases of emergency or of purely minor nature, a reasonable opportunity for comments by the public before the adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations of general application that affect any matter covered by this Agreement.

Article 10
Administrative Procedures

1. Where the competent authorities of a Contracting Party take a decision in respect of the matters relating to investment activities of an investor of the other Contracting Party upon application by the investor, the competent authorities shall endeavour to:

(a) commence the review of the application without delay upon its arrival at their offices;

(b) provide, upon request, the investor with information concerning the status of the review of the application within a reasonable period of time;

(c) inform the investor of the decision within a reasonable period of time after the submission of the application considered complete under the laws and regulations of the former Contracting Party, taking into account the standard period of time referred to in paragraph 3; and

(d) in case where they take a decision to refuse or not to approve the application, inform concurrently the investor of the grounds for the decision.