Article 6.4
International Standards, Guides or Recommendations

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

2. Where a Party does not use an international standard, guide or recommendation referred to in paragraph 1, or their relevant parts, as a basis for its technical regulations or conformity assessment procedures, it shall, on request of the other Party, explain the reasons therefor.

3. The Parties shall encourage their respective standardising bodies to consult and exchange views on matters under discussion in relevant international or regional bodies that develop standards, guides, recommendations or policies relevant to this Chapter.

Article 6.5
Technical Regulations

1. In accordance with paragraph 7 of Article 2 of the TBT Agreement, 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 that it is satisfied that these regulations adequately fulfil 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, on request of the other Party, explain the reasons therefor.

Article 6.6
Conformity Assessment Procedures

1. In accordance with Article 6 of the TBT Agreement, each Party shall ensure, to the extent possible, that results of conformity assessment procedures conducted in the Area of the other Party are accepted.

2. Each Party recognises that a broad range of mechanisms exists to facilitate the acceptance of the results of conformity assessment procedures conducted in the Area of the other Party. Each Party shall, on request of the other Party, provide information on the range of such mechanisms used with a view to facilitating acceptance of conformity assessment results.

3. Where a Party does not accept the results of a conformity assessment procedure conducted in the Area of the other Party as referred to in paragraph 1, it shall, on request of the other Party, explain the reasons therefor.

4. Where a Party accredits, approves, licenses, or otherwise recognises a body assessing conformity with a specific technical regulation or standard in its Area and refuses to accredit, approve, license, or otherwise recognise a body assessing conformity with that technical regulation or standard in the Area of the other Party, it shall, on request of the other Party, explain the reasons therefor.

5. Further to paragraph 3 of Article 6 of the TBT Agreement, where a Party declines a request from the other Party to engage in negotiations to conclude an agreement or arrangement on facilitating recognition in the Area of the Party of the results of conformity assessment procedures conducted by the conformity assessment bodies in the Area of the other Party, it shall, on request of the other Party, explain the reasons therefor.

Article 6.7
Transparency

1. Each Party shall allow persons of the other Party to participate in the development of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures, subject to its laws and regulations or administrative arrangements, on terms no less favourable than those accorded to its own persons.

2. As applicable, each Party shall recommend that non-governmental bodies in its Area observe paragraph 1 in relation to the development of standards and voluntary conformity assessment procedures.