3. Where a Party does not accept a technical regulation of the other Party as equivalent to its own, it shall, upon request of the other Party, explain the reasons therefor.

Article 6.7
Acceptance of Results of Conformity Assessment Procedures

1. The Parties recognize that a broad range of mechanisms exists to facilitate the acceptance in a Party of the results of conformity assessment procedures conducted in the other Party. Each Party shall, upon request of the other Party, provide information on the range of such mechanisms used in its Area.

2. Each Party shall ensure, whenever possible, that results of the conformity assessment procedures in the other Party are accepted, even when those procedures differ from its own, provided it is satisfied that the procedures offer an assurance of conformity with applicable technical regulations or standards equivalent to its own procedures.

3. Where a Party does not accept the results of a conformity assessment procedure conducted in the other Party, it shall, upon request of the other Party and subject to the laws and regulations of that Party, explain the reasons therefor so that corrective action may be taken by the other Party where appropriate.

4. Each Party shall, whenever possible, accredit, designate or recognize conformity assessment bodies in the other Party on terms no less favorable than those it accords to conformity assessment bodies in its Area. If a Party accredits, designates or recognizes a body assessing conformity with a particular technical regulation or standard in its Area and it refuses to accredit, designate or recognize a body in the other Party assessing conformity with that technical regulation or standard, it shall, upon request, explain the reasons therefor.

Article 6.8
Enquiry Point

Each Party shall designate an enquiry point to answer all reasonable enquiries from the other Party regarding technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures and, where appropriate, to provide the other Party with other relevant information which it considers the other Party should be made aware of.

Article 6.9
Sub-Committee on Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures

1. For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, the Parties hereby establish a Sub-Committee on Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures (hereinafter referred to in this Article as “the Sub-Committee”).

2. The functions of the Sub-Committee shall be:

(a) reviewing and monitoring the implementation and operation of this Chapter;

(b) enhancing joint cooperation in the development and improvement of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures;

(c) exchanging information on technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures;

(d) undertaking consultations on issues related to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures;

(e) exchanging information on the work in regional and multilateral fora engaged in activities related to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures;

(f) discussing technical cooperation between the Parties on matters related to this Chapter;