ARTICLE 21.6

Mediation

1. A Party may at any time request the other Party to enter into a mediation procedure with respect to any matter within the scope of this Chapter concerning a measure that adversely affects trade or investment between the Parties.

2. The Parties may at any time agree to enter into a mediation procedure which shall be initiated, conducted and terminated in accordance with the Mediation Procedure to be adopted by the Joint Committee at its first meeting pursuant to subparagraph 4(f) of Article 22.1.

3. If the Parties agree, the mediation procedure may continue while the panel procedures set out in Section C proceed.

SECTION C

Panel procedure

ARTICLE 21.7

Establishment of a panel

1. The Party that sought consultations pursuant to Article 21.5 may request the establishment of a panel if:

(a) the other Party does not respond to the request for consultations within 10 days after the date of its receipt, or does not enter into consultations within 30 days after the date of receipt of the request;

(b) the Parties agree not to enter into consultations; or

(c) the Parties fail to resolve the dispute through consultations within 45 days, or within 25 days in cases of urgency, after the date of receipt of the request for consultations, unless the Parties agree otherwise.