Article 9
Public Comment Procedures

Each Contracting Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, 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
Measures against Corruption

Each Contracting Party shall ensure that measures and efforts are undertaken to prevent and combat corruption regarding matters covered by this Agreement in accordance with its laws and regulations.

Article 11
Entry, Sojourn and Residence of Investors

Each Contracting Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, give sympathetic consideration to applications for entry, sojourn and residence of a natural person having the nationality of the other Contracting Party and a personnel employed by, and an executive, a manager and a member of the board of directors of, an enterprise of the other Contracting Party, who wishes to enter the territory of the former Contracting Party and remain therein for the purpose of investment activities.

Article 12
Expropriation and Compensation

1. Neither Contracting Party shall expropriate or nationalise an investment in its Territory of an investor of the other Contracting Party or take any measure equivalent to expropriation or nationalisation (hereinafter referred to as "expropriation") except:

(a) for a public purpose;

(b) in a non-discriminatory manner;

(c) upon payment of:

(i) with respect to Japan, prompt after the expropriation, adequate and effective compensation in accordance with paragraphs 2 through 5; and

(ii) with respect to the Republic of Armenia, adequate and effective compensation prior to the expropriation in accordance with paragraphs 2 through 5; and

(d) in accordance with due process of law.

2. The compensation shall be equivalent to the fair market value of the expropriated investments at the time when the expropriation was publicly announced or when the expropriation occurred, whichever is earlier. The fair market value shall not reflect any change in value occurring because the expropriation had become publicly known earlier.

3. The compensation shall be paid without delay, shall include interest at a commercially reasonable rate accrued from the date of expropriation until the date of payment and shall be effectively realisable and freely transferable.

4. If payment is made in a freely usable currency, the compensation paid shall include interest, at a commercially reasonable rate for that currency, accrued from the date of expropriation until the date of payment.

5. If a Contracting Party elects to pay in a currency other than a freely usable currency, the compensation paid, converted into the currency of payment at the market rate of exchange prevailing on the date of payment, shall be no less than the sum of the following:

(a) the fair market value on the date of expropriation, converted into a freely usable currency at the market rate of exchange prevailing on that date; and

(b) interest, at a commercially reasonable rate for that freely usable currency, accrued from the date of expropriation until the date of payment.

6. This Article does not apply to the issuance of compulsory licences granted in relation to intellectual property rights in accordance with the TRIPS Agreement, or to the revocation, limitation or creation of intellectual property rights, to the extent that such issuance, revocation, limitation or creation is consistent with the TRIPS Agreement.