2. Subject to their laws and regulations and the availability of funds, the Parties shall cooperate to facilitate investments among Japan and ASEAN Member States, where possible, through, among others:

(a) creating the necessary environment for all forms of investment;

(b) simplifying procedures for investment applications and approvals;

(c) promoting dissemination of investment information, including investment rules, regulations, policies and procedures; and

(d) establishing one-stop investment centres in the respective host Parties to provide assistance and advisory services to the business sectors including facilitation of operating licences and permits.

Article 51.19
Temporary Safeguard Measures

1. A Party may adopt or maintain measures not conforming with its obligations under Article 51.3 relating to cross-border capital transactions and Article 51.11:

(a) in the event of serious balance-of-payments and external financial difficulties or threat thereof; or

(b) in cases where, in exceptional circumstances, movements of capital cause or threaten to cause serious difficulties for macroeconomic management, in particular, monetary and exchange rate policies.

2. The measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall:

(a) be consistent with the Articles of Agreement of the IMF;

(b) avoid unnecessary damage to the commercial, economic and financial interests of another Party;

(c) not exceed those necessary to deal with the circumstances described in paragraph 1;

(d) be temporary and phased out progressively as the situation specified in paragraph 1 improves; and

(e) be applied such that any one of the other Parties is treated no less favourably than any other Party or non-Party.

3. Any measures adopted or maintained under paragraph 1 shall be promptly notified to the other Parties.

Article 51.20
Prudential Measures

1. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Chapter, a Party shall not be prevented from taking measures relating to financial services for prudential reasons, including measures for the protection of investors, depositors, policy holders or persons to whom a fiduciary duty is owed by an entity supplying financial services, or to ensure the integrity and stability of its financial system.

2. Where the measures taken by a Party pursuant to paragraph 1 do not conform with this Chapter, they shall not be used as a means of avoiding the commitments or obligations of the Party under this Chapter.

3. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to require a Party to disclose information relating to the affairs and accounts of individual customers or any confidential or proprietary information in the possession of public entities.

Article 51.21
Denial of Benefits

1. A Party may deny the benefits of this Chapter to an investor of another Party that is a juridical person of the latter Party and to its investments if the juridical person is owned or controlled by an investor of a non-Party and the denying Party: