4. The Parties undertake to exchange information on:

(a) each Party's use of standards in support of demonstrating or facilitating compliance with technical regulations;

(b) their standard setting processes, in particular the manner and extent to which international or regional standards are used as a basis for their national standards; and

(c) cooperation agreements or arrangements on standardisation with third parties or international organisations.

ARTICLE 7.8

Conformity assessment procedures

1. With respect to the preparation, adoption and application of technical regulations, subparagraphs 1(a)(i), 1(a)(ii) and 1(b) of Article 7.5 also apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to conformity assessment procedures.

2. In conformity with paragraph 1.2 of Article 5 of the TBT Agreement, each Party shall ensure that conformity assessment procedures are not stricter or are not applied more strictly than is necessary to give the importing Party adequate confidence that products conform with the applicable technical regulations or standards, taking into account the risks associated with products, including the risks that non-conformity would create.

3. The Parties recognise that a broad range of mechanisms exist to facilitate the acceptance of the results of conformity assessment procedures. Such mechanisms may include:

(a) mutual recognition agreements for the results of conformity assessment procedures with respect to specific technical regulations conducted by bodies located in the territory of the other Party;

(b) cooperative and voluntary arrangements between conformity assessment bodies located in the territories of the Parties;

(c) plurilateral and multilateral recognition agreements or arrangements to which both Parties are participants;

(d) the use of accreditation to qualify conformity assessment bodies;

(e) government designation of conformity assessment bodies, including conformity assessment bodies located in the other Party;

(f) recognition by a Party of results of conformity assessment procedures conducted in the territory of the other Party; and

(g) manufacturer's or supplier's declaration of conformity.

4. The Parties shall exchange information regarding the mechanisms covered by paragraph 3. A Party shall, on request of the other Party, provide information on:

(a) the mechanisms referred to in paragraph 3 and similar mechanisms with a view to facilitating the acceptance of the results of conformity assessment procedures;

(b) factors, including assessment and management of risk, considered when selecting appropriate conformity assessment procedures for specific products; and

(c) accreditation policy, including on international standards for accreditation, and international agreements and arrangements in the field of accreditation, including those of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), to the extent possible and used by a Party in a specific area.