(e) support the development of practical mechanisms, implementing tools and best practices to promote good regulatory practices and regulatory cooperation;

(f) encourage regulatory cooperation and coordination in international fora, including periodic bilateral exchanges of information on relevant ongoing or planned activities;

(g) periodically identify and endorse priority areas of regulatory cooperation;

(h) provide guidelines, if necessary, to help streamline the regulatory cooperation of other specialised committees referred to in Article 23.3 and of other bilateral regulatory cooperation fora;

(i) consider the report on the outcome of the consultations referred to in paragraph 8 of Article 18.16 and review the progress on the implementation of the satisfactory solution referred to in paragraph 6 of Article 18.16, if applicable; and

(j) establish, as necessary, *ad hoc* working groups to pursue specific regulatory cooperation activities, which shall report to the Committee on Regulatory Cooperation.

4. The Committee on Regulatory Cooperation shall:

(a) meet within one year of the date of entry into force of this Agreement and at least once a year thereafter, unless the representatives of the Parties decide otherwise; and

(b) adopt its rules of procedure at its first meeting after the entry into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 18.15

Contact points

Each Party shall, upon the entry into force of this Agreement, designate a contact point for the implementation of this Section and for exchange of information in accordance with Article 18.16 and notify the other Party of the contact details including information regarding the relevant officials. The Parties shall promptly notify each other of any change of those contact details.

ARTICLE 18.16

Exchange of information on planned or existing regulatory measures

1. A Party may submit to the other Party a request for information and clarifications regarding planned or existing regulatory measures of the other Party. The Party to whom the request is addressed shall endeavour to respond promptly.

2. A Party may submit to the other Party a request to consider its concerns about a planned or existing regulatory measure of the other Party. In its request, the requesting Party shall identify the regulatory measure at issue, provide a description of its concerns and, where relevant, submit questions.

3. The responding Party shall, as soon as possible but, unless justified, no later than 60 days after the receipt of the request, provide written comments as regards the concerns raised by the requesting Party pursuant to paragraph 2. Those comments shall, to the extent possible, include *inter alia* the policy objective and rationale of the regulatory measure and, where applicable, an explanation as to the absence of a less trade or investment restrictive measure which could achieve the same policy objective with the same efficiency. The responding Party shall reply to any questions for clarification submitted by the requesting Party.

4. The requesting Party may request consultations with the responding Party:

(a) after the receipt of the written comments referred to in paragraph 3; or