(b) the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions of each Party stipulating the requirements covered by this Protocol, all the conformity assessment procedures covered by this Protocol to satisfy such requirements and the criteria for designation of conformity assessment bodies, or the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions of each Party stipulating the criteria for confirmation of the facilities covered by this Protocol; and

(c) the list of Designating Authorities or Competent Authorities.

ARTICLE 4

1. Each Party shall ensure that Designating Authorities have the necessary power to designate, monitor (including verification), withdraw the designation of, suspend the designation of and withdraw the suspension of the designation of the conformity assessment bodies that conduct conformity assessment procedures based upon the requirements set out in the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the other Party specified in the relevant Sectoral Annex.

2. Each Party shall ensure that Competent Authorities have the necessary power to conduct, in accordance with its applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions, verification of facilities to confirm their compliance with the criteria for confirmation set out in the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions of that Party specified in the relevant Sectoral Annex.

ARTICLE 5

1. Each Party shall ensure, through appropriate means such as audits, inspections or monitoring, that the registered conformity assessment bodies fulfil the criteria for designation set out in the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the other Party specified in the relevant Sectoral Annex. When applying the criteria for designation of the conformity assessment bodies, Designating Authorities of a Party should take into account the bodies' understanding of and experience relevant to the requirements set out in the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the other Party.

2. Each Party shall, in accordance with its applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions and through appropriate means such as study audits, inspections or monitoring, ensure that the confirmed facilities fulfil the criteria for confirmation set out in the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions of that Party specified in the relevant Sectoral Annex.

3. Each Party may request the other Party, by indicating in writing a reasoned doubt on whether a registered conformity assessment body or a confirmed facility complies with the criteria for designation or the criteria for confirmation set out in the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions specified in the relevant Sectoral Annex, respectively, to conduct verification of the conformity assessment body or the facility in accordance with the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of that other Party.

4. Each Party may, on request, participate as an observer in the verification of conformity assessment bodies conducted by the Designating Authorities or the verification of facilities conducted by the Competent Authorities of the other Party, with the prior consent of such conformity assessment bodies or such facilities respectively, in order to maintain a continuing understanding of that other Party's procedures for verification.

5. The Parties shall, in accordance with the procedures to be determined by the Joint Committee on Mutual Recognition to be established pursuant to Article 8 of this Protocol, exchange information on methods, including accreditation systems, used to designate the conformity assessment bodies and to ensure that the registered conformity assessment bodies fulfil the criteria for designation and on methods to ensure that the confirmed facilities fulfil the criteria for confirmation.

6. Each Party should encourage its registered conformity assessment bodies to cooperate with the conformity assessment bodies of the other Party.