ARTICLE 14

1. The Sectoral Annexes to this Protocol are an integral part of this Protocol.

2. In case of conflict between the provisions of Part A of a Sectoral Annex and Articles 1 to 13 of this Protocol, the provisions of Part A of the Sectoral Annex shall prevail.

3. (a) The provisions concerning the scope and coverage of paragraph 1 of Part A of each Sectoral Annex shall not be changed unless the Parties amend this Protocol in accordance with the first sentence of subparagraph (b).

(b) This Protocol may be amended by agreement between the Parties. However, if the amendments relate only to changes of laws, regulations and administrative provisions, Designating Authorities or Competent Authorities specified in Part B of the Sectoral Annexes, the amendments may be made by exchange of diplomatic notes between the Governments of the Parties, in conformity with their applicable domestic procedures.

4. If a Party introduces new or additional conformity assessment procedures within the same product coverage to satisfy the requirements set out in the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions specified in the relevant Sectoral Annex, Part B of the Sectoral Annex shall be amended to set out the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions stipulating such new or additional conformity assessment procedures, in accordance with the procedures set out in the second sentence of subparagraph 3(b).

ARTICLE 15

Without prejudice to Article 24.3, the Governments of the Parties, at any time prior to the entry into force of this Agreement, may decide by an exchange of diplomatic notes not to apply this Protocol until the date to be agreed upon by the Governments of the Parties. Such date shall be identified in an exchange of diplomatic notes between the Governments of the Parties.

ARTICLE 16

Either Party may notify in writing the other Party of its intention to cease to apply this Protocol. This Protocol shall cease to apply six months after the date of receipt by that other Party of the notification, unless the Parties otherwise agree.