SECTION B

CERTIFICATION OVERSIGHT BOARD

ARTICLE 3

Establishment and composition

1. The Certification Oversight Board, accountable to the Joint Committee established under Article 11 of this Agreement, is hereby established under the co-chairmanship of the technical agents, as a technical coordination body responsible for the effective implementation of this Annex. It shall be composed of representatives from the technical agent of each Party and may invite additional participants to facilitate the fulfilment of its mandate.

2. The Certification Oversight Board shall meet at regular intervals upon the request of either technical agent, and take decisions and make recommendations by consensus. It shall develop and adopt its rules of procedure.

ARTICLE 4

Mandate

The mandate of the Certification Oversight Board shall include in particular:

(a) developing, adopting, and revising the technical implementation procedures referred to in Article 6 of this Annex;

(b) sharing information on major safety concerns and, where appropriate, developing action plans to address them;

(c) resolving technical issues falling within the responsibilities of the competent authorities and affecting the implementation of this Annex;

(d) where appropriate, developing effective means for cooperation, technical support and exchange of information regarding safety and environmental protection requirements, certification systems, and quality management and standardisation systems;

(e) proposing amendments to this Annex to the Joint Committee;