(f) an established inspection programme ensuring uniform level of implementation of the legal and regulatory framework among the various components of the oversight system.

ARTICLE 29

Continued qualifications of the competent authorities

1. In order to maintain mutual confidence in each other's regulatory systems concerning the implementation of this Annex so that they ensure a sufficiently equivalent level of safety, the technical agent of each Party shall regularly assess the other Party's competent authorities' compliance with the qualification requirements referred to in Article 28 of this Annex. The modalities of such continued mutual assessments shall be detailed in the technical implementation procedures.

2. The competent authority of a Party shall cooperate with the competent authority of the other Party whenever such assessments are required and ensure that regulated entities subject to its oversight provide access to the technical agents.

3. If the technical agent of either Party believes that the technical competence of a competent authority of the other Party is no longer adequate, or that the acceptance of findings of compliance made or certificates issued by that competent authority should be suspended as the other Party's system concerning the implementation of this Annex no longer ensures a sufficiently equivalent level of safety to permit such acceptance, the technical agents shall consult in order to identify remedial actions.

4. If mutual confidence is not restored through mutually acceptable means, the technical agent of each Party may refer the matter referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article to the Certification Oversight Board.

5. If the matter is not resolved by the Certification Oversight Board, each Party may refer the matter referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article to the Joint Committee established by Article 11 of this Agreement.