in accordance with Annex 11A (Party-Specific Transition Periods).

2. During the relevant periods set out in Annex 11A (Party-Specific Transition Periods), a Party shall not amend a measure to make it less consistent with its obligations under the provisions referred to in Annex 11A (Party-Specific Transition Periods) for that Party, or adopt a new measure that is less consistent with those obligations than relevant measures of that Party that are in effect on the date of signature of this Agreement. This Article does not affect the rights and obligations of a Party under an international agreement to which it and another Party are party.

Article 11.80: Notifications in Relation to Party-Specific Transition Periods

1. Any Party which has a Party-specific transition period for any obligation under this Chapter as set out in Annex 11A (Party-Specific Transition Periods) shall provide a notification to the Committee on the Business Environment on its plans for and progress towards implementing each such obligation, after the date of entry into force of this Agreement for that Party, as follows:

   (a) for any transition period of five years or less, that Party shall provide a notification six months before the expiration of the transition period; and

   (b) for any transition period of more than five years, that Party shall provide an annual notification on the anniversary of the date of entry into force of this Agreement for that Party, beginning on the fifth anniversary for that Party, and a notification six months before the expiration of the transition period.[68]

2. Any Party may request additional information regarding another Party's progress towards implementing the obligation. The requested Party shall promptly reply to such a request.

3. No later than the date on which a transition period expires, a Party with a Party-specific transition period shall provide a notification to the other Parties of what measures it has taken to implement the obligation for which it has a transition period.

[68] For greater certainty, this subparagraph shall also apply to any extension of a transition period set out in Annex 11A (Party-Specific Transition Periods).

4. If a Party fails to provide the notification referred to in paragraph 3, the matter shall be automatically placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Committee on the Business Environment.

Article 11.81: Technical Assistance

1. In accordance with the objectives of Chapter 15 (Economic and Technical Cooperation), the Parties agree to undertake the necessary technical assistance, pursuant to the identified needs for the implementation of this Chapter, as set out in Annex 11B (List of Technical Assistance Requests).

2. The technical assistance referred to in paragraph 1 shall be on mutually agreed terms, subject to the relevant rules and regulations and availability of resources of the Parties involved.

SECTION N
PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Article 11.82: Improvement of Procedures for the Administration of Intellectual Property Rights

The Parties recognise the importance of providing efficient administration of their intellectual property systems, and in this regard each Party shall continue to review and endeavour, where appropriate, to make improvements to its procedures for the administration of intellectual property rights.

Article 11.83: Streamlining of Procedural Requirements on Paper

Further to Article 11.82 (Improvement of Procedures for the Administration of Intellectual Property Rights), each Party shall endeavour to streamline any procedural requirements it maintains regarding:

   (a) the certification of translations in relation to patent applications; and

   (b) the authentication of signatures in relation to applications for patents, industrial designs, and trademarks.