bodies who have responsibility for or expertise in the matter.

8. The consultations shall be confidential and without prejudice to the rights of any Party to the dispute in any further or other proceedings.

9. Whenever a Party other than the Parties to the dispute considers that it has a substantial trade interest in the consultations, such Party may notify the Parties to the dispute no later than seven days after the date of receipt of the copy of the request for consultations referred to in paragraph 3, of its desire to be joined in the consultations. The notifying Party shall simultaneously provide a copy of the notification to the other Parties. The notifying Party shall be joined in the consultations if the Parties to the dispute agree.

Article 19.7: Good Offices, Conciliation, or Mediation

1. The Parties to the dispute may at any time agree to voluntarily undertake an alternative method of dispute resolution, including good offices, conciliation, or mediation. Procedures for such alternative methods of dispute resolution may begin at any time, and may be terminated by any Party to the dispute at any time.

2. If the Parties to the dispute agree, such procedures referred to in paragraph 1 may continue while the matter is being examined by a panel under this Chapter.

3. Proceedings involving such procedures referred to in paragraph 1 and positions taken by a Party to the dispute during these proceedings shall be confidential and without prejudice to the rights of any Party to the dispute in any further or other proceedings.

Article 19.8: Request for Establishment of a Panel

1. The Complaining Party may request the establishment of a panel to examine the matter, by way of notification to the Responding Party, if:

   (a) the Responding Party does not:

      (i) reply to the request for consultations in accordance with subparagraph 5(a) of Article 19.6 (Consultations); or

      (ii) enter into consultations in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 19.6 (Consultations); or

   (b) the consultations fail to resolve a dispute within:

      (i) 20 days after the date of the Responding Party's receipt of the request for consultations made pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 19.6 (Consultations) in cases of urgency including those which concern perishable goods; or

      (ii) 60 days after the date of the Responding Party's receipt of the request for consultations made pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 19.6 (Consultations) regarding any other matter.

2. A request for the establishment of a panel made pursuant to paragraph 1 shall identify the specific measures at issue and provide details of the factual and legal basis for the complaint, including the relevant provisions of this Agreement, to be addressed by the panel, sufficient to present the problem clearly.

3. The Complaining Party shall simultaneously provide a copy of the request for the establishment of a panel made pursuant to paragraph 1 to the other Parties.

4. The Responding Party shall immediately acknowledge its receipt of the request for the establishment of a panel made pursuant to paragraph 1, by way of notification to the Complaining Party, indicating the date on which the request was received, otherwise the date when the request was made shall be deemed to be the date of the Responding Party's receipt of the request. The Responding Party shall simultaneously provide a copy of the notification to the other Parties.

5. Where a request for the establishment of a panel is made pursuant to paragraph 1, a panel shall be established in accordance with Article 19.11 (Establishment and Reconvening of a Panel).