2. Subject to paragraph 3 of Article 13, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent a Contracting Party from adopting or enforcing measures:

(a) which it considers necessary for the protection of its essential security interests, including measures:

(i) taken in time of war, armed conflict, or other emergency in that Contracting Party or in international relations; or

(ii) relating to the implementation of national policies or international agreements respecting the non-proliferation of weapons; or

(b) in pursuance of its obligations under the United Nations Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security.

3. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require a Contracting Party to furnish or allow access to any information the disclosure of which it determines to be contrary to its essential security interests.

4. In cases where a Contracting Party takes any measure, pursuant to paragraph 2, that does not conform with the obligations of the provisions of this Agreement, that Contracting Party shall not use such measure as a means of avoiding its obligations.

Article 17
Temporary Safeguard Measures

1. A Contracting Party may adopt or maintain restrictive measures with regard to cross-border capital transactions as well as payments or transfers including transfers referred to in Article 15 for transactions related to investments:

(a) in the event of serious balance-of-payments and external financial difficulties or threat thereof; or

(b) in exceptional cases where movements of capital cause or threaten to cause serious difficulties for macroeconomic management, in particular monetary and exchange rate policies.

2. Restrictive measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall:

(a) be applied in such a manner that the other Contracting Party is treated no less favourably than any non-Contracting Party;

(b) be consistent with the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund;

(c) not exceed those necessary to deal with the circumstances set out in paragraph 1;

(d) be temporary and be phased out progressively as the situation specified in paragraph 1 improves;

(e) be promptly notified to the other Contracting Party; and

(f) avoid unnecessary damages to the commercial, economic and financial interests of the other Contracting Party.

3. The Contracting Party which has adopted any measures under paragraph 1 shall, upon request, commence consultations with the other Contracting Party in order to review the restrictions adopted by the former Contracting Party.

Article 18
Prudential Measures

1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, a Contracting Party shall not be prevented from taking measures relating to financial services for prudential reasons, including measures for the protection of investors, depositors, policy holders or persons to whom a fiduciary duty is owed by an enterprise supplying financial services, or to ensure the integrity and stability of its financial system.

2. Where the measures taken by a Contracting Party pursuant to paragraph 1 do not conform with this Agreement, they shall not be used as a means of avoiding the obligations of the Contracting Party under this Agreement.