CHAPTER VIII

ACCESSION OF ADDITIONAL PARTIES AND COOPERATION WITH NON-PARTIES

ARTICLE 48

(1) In case of engagement by non-Parties interested in acquiring information about the GCAP, the Agency shall inform the SC to obtain direction.

(2) Such engagement may take the form of exploratory discussions with non-Parties interested in joining this Convention and the GCAP.

ARTICLE 49

(1) Unanimous consent of the SC shall be required in order to permit the Agency to conduct negotiations with potential additional Parties.

(2) Unanimous consent of the Parties shall be required to take a final decision about any non-Parties acceding to this Convention.

ARTICLE 50

(1) Each Party shall support, to the maximum extent possible, in accordance with legal obligations and regulations, and with due consideration of the direct interests of national security, the intention of one of the Parties to export or transfer items and information generated within or through the GCAP to non-Parties.

(2) Should one of the Parties have concerns about the possibility of exporting to a non-Party, the Parties shall initiate high-level consultations without undue delay in order to exchange their assessments and find appropriate solutions.

ARTICLE 51

(1) The Parties shall create and maintain a common mechanism for facilitating exports of GCAP systems, subsystems, and technology to non-Parties. Such a mechanism shall be described in a further arrangement between the relevant authorities of the Parties.

(2) The Agency, under the supervision and control of the SC, shall administer the above mentioned mechanism to the extent permitted by the Parties' national laws.

(3) The mechanism shall reflect this Convention, applicable international agreements and any other legal obligations and regulations, including arms control regime commitments, of the Parties.

CHAPTER IX

SECURITY

ARTICLE 52

(1) The SC shall establish a security governance subordinate committee, composed of security experts representing each Party. The security governance subordinate committee shall provide advice to the SC on security policy. The detailed mechanisms for the operation of the security governance subordinate committee shall be described in a further arrangement between the relevant authorities of the Parties.

(2) The SC shall maintain a security policy, to be defined in the further arrangement referred to in Article 53, that ensures a common degree of protection for Classified Information in all security domains, including cyber resilience.

(3) For the purposes of this Convention, "Classified Information" means any information, document or material the unauthorised disclosure of which could cause prejudice to the interests of the Parties or the GIGO, whether such information originates within the GIGO or is received from the Parties or is exchanged between the Parties, and which has been so designated by a security classification.

ARTICLE 53

The Parties and the GIGO shall protect and safeguard Classified Information, in accordance with the provisions that shall be detailed in a further arrangement between the relevant authorities of the Parties. These provisions shall be without prejudice to any bilateral security agreements in force between the Parties concerning the protection of Classified Information.