ARTICLE 13

Economic and financial policy

1. The Parties shall enhance the exchange of information and experiences with a view to promoting close bilateral and multilateral policy coordination to support their shared objectives of sustainable and balanced growth, fostering job creation, countering excessive macroeconomic imbalances and combating all forms of protectionism.

2. The Parties shall enhance the exchange of information on their financial policies and regulations, with a view to strengthening cooperation to ensure financial stability and fiscal sustainability, including by improving regulatory and supervisory regimes for accounting, auditing, banking, insurance, financial markets and other parts of the financial sector, in support of the work currently undertaken in relevant international organisations and fora.

ARTICLE 14

Science, technology and innovation

Based on the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Japan on Cooperation in Science and Technology, done at Brussels on 30 November 2009, as may be amended, the Parties shall enhance cooperation in the area of science, technology and innovation with special emphasis on priorities of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 15

Transport

1. The Parties shall seek cooperation by enhancing the exchange of information and dialogue on transport policies, practices and other areas of mutual interest in all modes of transport and coordinate, where appropriate, their positions in international transport fora.

2. The areas of cooperation referred to in paragraph 1 shall include:

(a) the aviation sector, such as aviation safety, aviation security, air traffic management and other relevant regulations with the objective to facilitate broader and mutually beneficial air transport relations, including, where appropriate, by pursuing technical and regulatory cooperation and further agreements based on mutual interest and consent;

(b) the maritime transport sector; and

(c) the railway sector.