ARTICLE 16

Outer space

1. The Parties shall enhance the exchange of views and information on their respective space policies and activities.

2. The Parties shall endeavour to cooperate, where appropriate, including through regular dialogue, in the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space, including in the mutual compatibility of their navigation satellite systems, earth observation and monitoring, climate change, space science and technologies, security aspects of space activities and other areas of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 17

Industrial cooperation

1. The Parties shall promote industrial cooperation to improve the competitiveness of their enterprises. To this end, they shall enhance the exchange of views and best practices on their respective industrial policies in areas such as innovation, climate change, energy efficiency, standardisation, corporate social responsibility, and the improvement of the competitiveness of and support for the internationalisation of small- and medium-sized enterprises.

2. The Parties shall facilitate cooperation activities established by their public and private sectors with a view to improving the competitiveness and cooperation of their respective enterprises, including through dialogue between them.

ARTICLE 18

Customs

The Parties shall enhance cooperation in the area of customs, including facilitation of legitimate trade, while ensuring effective customs control and compliance with customs laws and regulations, as based on the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Japan on Co-operation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters, done at Brussels on 30 January 2008, as may be amended. They shall also exchange views and cooperate in relevant international frameworks.

ARTICLE 19

Taxation

With a view to promoting good governance in tax matters, the Parties shall endeavour to enhance cooperation in line with internationally established tax standards, in particular by encouraging third countries to enhance transparency, ensure exchange of information and eliminate harmful tax practices.