6. In a case of special urgency where no mutually acceptable solution has been found at ministerial level, the Party which made the request referred to in paragraph 5 may decide to suspend the provisions of this Agreement in accordance with international law. In addition, the Parties note that the Party which made the request referred to in paragraph 5 may take other appropriate measures outside the framework of this Agreement, in accordance with international law. The Party shall immediately notify the other Party, in writing, of its decision and shall apply that decision for the minimum period of time necessary to resolve the issue in a manner acceptable to the Parties.

7. The Parties shall keep under constant review the development of the case of special urgency which has prompted the decision to suspend the provisions of this Agreement. The Party invoking the suspension of the provisions of this Agreement shall withdraw it as soon as warranted, and in any case as soon as a case of special urgency no longer exists.

8. This Agreement shall not affect or prejudice the interpretation or application of other agreements between the Parties. In particular, the dispute settlement provisions of this Agreement shall not replace or affect in any way the dispute settlement provisions of other agreements between the Parties.

ARTICLE 44

Miscellaneous

Cooperation and actions under this Agreement shall be implemented in accordance with the respective laws and regulations of the Parties.

ARTICLE 45

Definition of the Parties

For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "the Parties" means the Union or its Member States, or the Union and its Member States, in accordance with their respective competences, on the one hand, and Japan, on the other.

ARTICLE 46

Disclosure of information

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring either Party to provide information, the disclosure of which it considers contrary to its essential security interests.

ARTICLE 47

Entry into force and application pending entry into force

1. This Agreement shall be ratified by Japan and approved or ratified by the Union Party, in accordance with their respective applicable legal procedures. The instrument of ratification by Japan and the instrument confirming the completion of approval and ratification by the Union Party shall be exchanged at Tokyo. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of exchange of the instruments.