Article 15

The following new Articles shall be inserted immediately after the heading of Chapter 10 of the Agreement:

"Article 123A
Principles

1. Recognizing the importance of government procurement in further improving the business environment in order to increase economic growth of the Parties, each Party shall endeavor to:

(a) enhance transparency of the measures regarding government procurement; and

(b) implement in an objective and effective manner the measures regarding government procurement.

2. A procuring entity shall conduct government procurement in a transparent and impartial manner that:

(a) avoids conflicts of interest; and

(b) prevents corrupt practices.

Article 123B
Procurement Information

Each Party shall promptly publish any law, regulation, judicial decision, administrative ruling of general application and administrative procedure regarding its government procurement, and any modifications thereof, in an officially designated electronic or paper medium that is widely disseminated and remains readily accessible to the public.

Article 123C
Further Negotiation

In the event that, after the entry into force of the Protocol, a Party offers a non-Party any advantages of access to its government procurement market, the former Party shall, upon request of the other Party, afford adequate opportunity to enter into negotiations with the other Party."

Article 16

Article 124 of the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. By deleting paragraph 2 and replacing it by the following paragraph:

"2. Each Party shall designate a contact point to facilitate communication, exchange of information, cooperation and consultation between the Parties on any matters relating to this Chapter."; and

2. By inserting the following new paragraph immediately after new paragraph 2:

"3. Upon entry into force of the Protocol, each Party shall notify the other Party of its contact point referred to in paragraph 2. Each Party shall notify the other Party of any changes to its contact point."

Article 17

The following new Article shall be inserted immediately after Article 124 of the Agreement:

"Article 124A
Cooperation

The Parties shall cooperate, on mutually agreed terms, to increase understanding of their respective government procurement systems with a view to increasing government procurement market access opportunities."

Article 18

Article 125 of the Agreement shall be amended by deleting the expression "by its governmental authority referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 124" in paragraph 2 and replacing it by the expression "by its contact points referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 124".

Article 19

Article 150 of the Agreement shall be deleted and replaced by the following Article: