ANNEX 16-A

CO-OPERATION

1. In order to promote the achievement of the objectives of this Chapter and to assist in the fulfilment of their obligations pursuant to it, the Parties have established the following indicative list of areas of potential co-operation, which may be pursued at bilateral, regional or multilateral levels:

(a) co-operation in international fora responsible for environmental aspects of trade and sustainable development, including in particular the WTO, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, United Nations Environment Programme and multilateral environmental agreements;

(b) co-operation on trade related aspects of multilateral environmental agreements, including exchanging views on the relationship between multilateral environmental agreements and international trade rules;

(c) exchange of information on the trade impact of environmental regulations, norms and standards and the environmental impact of policies and practices to facilitate trade;

(d) co-operation on trade related aspects of the current and future international climate change regime, including issues relating to global carbon markets and ways to address adverse effects of trade on climate;

(e) the development of methods and tools to assess the environmental impacts of trade;

(f) promotion of public awareness and education programmes related to environmental goods and services; and

(g) other areas of mutual interest relevant to the environment as the Parties may deem appropriate.

2. To advance their common interest in trade-related environment and energy issues, the Parties agree to co-operate on matters including but not limited to:

(a) dissemination of energy-related technologies that contribute to protection of the environment, including renewable energy and energy-efficient products and services;

(b) policies, laws, regulations and other measures relating to the production and use of energy and protection of the environment;
(c) co-operation in international fora responsible for energy aspects of trade and sustainable development, including in particular the International Energy Agency, APEC and multilateral environmental agreements; and

(d) any measures proposed by either Party to ensure that energy activities in its territory are undertaken in a manner sensitive to environmental concerns.

3. The Parties shall encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, the following means for undertaking co-operative activities:

   (a) collaborative research on subjects of mutual interest;

   (b) exchange of environment experts and management personnel;

   (c) exchange of technical information and publications;

   (d) workshops and exchange of best practice; and

   (e) any other modes of co-operation decided by the Parties.

4. To facilitate identification of co-operative activities, the Parties shall, as a first step after this Agreement enters into force, exchange lists of their initial priorities.

5. Each Party may, as appropriate, involve its non-government sectors and other organisations in identifying potential areas for co-operation, and in undertaking co-operative activities as mutually decided.