CHAPTER 10
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

ARTICLE 10.1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

The protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights should strike a balance between the legitimate interests of the right owners and the public.

ARTICLE 10.2: INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The Parties reaffirm their existing rights and obligations under the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (hereinafter referred to as “the TRIPS Agreement”).

ARTICLE 10.3: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

The Parties recognize the principles established in the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health.

ARTICLE 10.4: COOPERATION

1. The Parties recognize that cooperation is an essential element for bilateral relations on intellectual property.

2. Cooperation should be for the mutual benefit of the Parties, including to the advantage of both businesses and consumers, and should enhance predictability and transparency in matters related to the protection, administration and enforcement of intellectual property rights.

3. The Parties have agreed to exchange relevant information regarding recent and ongoing bilateral cooperation initiatives on intellectual property matters.

4. The Parties shall endeavour to cooperate in the area of intellectual property rights, including by providing training and building capacity.

ARTICLE 10.5: FINAL PROVISIONS

This Chapter is without prejudice to future decisions or positions that either Party may take in the context of future exploratory discussions or potential negotiations.