ANNEX XI

REIMBURSEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE
UNDER THE HEALTH SYSTEM

1. Switzerland shall inform China about its basic health care insurance scheme (compulsory health insurance) with respect to reimbursement of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) including Acupuncture at the first Joint Committee meeting referred to in Article 14.1 of the Agreement.

2. At subsequent meetings of the Joint Committee, Switzerland shall inform about possible amendments to the scheme referred to in paragraph 1, including:

   (a) any amendments to the Law on health care insurance and corresponding ordinances with respect to the coverage of TCM-Pharmacotherapy Services provided by medical doctors with a qualification in TCM-Pharmacotherapy in accordance with the qualification program Acupuncture – Traditional Chinese Medicine of the Association of Swiss Medical Societies for Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (ASA);

   (b) any amendments to the Law on health care insurance and corresponding ordinances with respect to the coverage of Acupuncture Services provided by medical doctors with a qualification in Acupuncture in accordance with the qualification program Acupuncture – Traditional Chinese Medicine of the Association of Swiss Medical Societies for Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (ASA); and

   (c) responses to specific questions raised by China.

3. Switzerland shall provide China with details of relevant publications or websites where information referred to in subparagraphs 2(a) and 2(b) is made available.