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1. The Parties hereby establish a Sub-Committee on Trade in Goods (hereinafter referred to as the “Sub-Committee”) consisting of representatives of all the Parties.

2. The Sub-Committee may consider any matter arising under Chapter 2 of the Agreement, including Annexes I, III, IV, V, VI and VII.

3. On matters related to paragraph 2, the functions of the Sub-Committee shall include:

   (a) monitor and review of measures taken and implementation of commitments;

   (b) exchange of information and review developments;

   (c) prepare technical amendments and assist the Joint Committee;

   (d) any other matters with respect to trade in goods that are referred to the Sub-Committee by the Joint Committee; and

   (e) make recommendations and report to the Joint Committee as necessary.

4. Each Party has the right to be represented in the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee shall act by consensus.

5. The Sub-Committee shall meet as often as required. It shall be convened by the Joint Committee, by the chairperson of the Sub-Committee or upon request of a Party. The meeting shall take place alternately between an EFTA State and a Central American State, or as agreed by the Parties. The Parties may agree to hold meetings using other means, such as videoconference or teleconference.

6. A provisional agenda for each meeting shall be prepared by the chairperson of the Sub-Committee in consultation with the Parties, and forward to them, as a general rule no later than two weeks before the meeting. The meetings of the Sub-Committee shall be chaired by a representative of an EFTA State or of a Central American State for an agreed period of time.

7. A report shall be prepared by the Sub-Committee on the results of each meeting of the Sub-Committee, and the chairperson shall, if requested, report at a meeting of the Joint Committee.

8. The Parties shall examine any difficulties that might arise in their trade and shall endeavour to seek appropriate solutions through dialogue and consultations.