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1. In order to ensure implementation of Chapter 9 (Cooperation), the Parties hereby establish a Sub-Committee on Cooperation (the Sub-Committee) comprising representatives of each Party.
 2. The Sub-Committee may consider matters of cooperation arising under the Agreement and shall provide the following functions:
 - (a) to monitor and assess the progress in the implementation of trade related cooperation;
 - (b) to exchange of information on activities and projects and review developments;
 - (c) to evaluate the development of trade and investment between the Parties, in order to propose appropriate cooperation action to the Joint Committee;
 - (d) to prepare technical issues related to cooperation commitments and initiatives,
 - (e) assist the Joint Committee; and
 - (f) other tasks on which the Parties may agree.
 3. The Sub-Committee shall act by consensus.
 4. The Sub-Committee shall report to the Joint Committee. The Sub-Committee may make recommendations to the Joint Committee on matters related to its functions.
 5. The Sub-Committee shall normally meet in conjunction with the Joint Committee or as often as required. It shall be convened by the Joint Committee or upon request of a Party. The place of the meeting shall alternate between an EFTA State and Ecuador, as agreed by the Parties. The Parties may agree to hold a Sub-Committee meeting by electronic means of communication.
 6. The meetings of the Sub-Committee shall be chaired jointly by a representative of an EFTA State and Ecuador. A provisional agenda for each meeting shall be agreed upon no later than two weeks before the meeting.
 7. The Sub-Committee shall prepare a report on the results of each meeting. If requested, the Chairpersons shall report at the following meeting of the Joint Committee.
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