

## **CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 22.1: Contact Points**

1. In order to facilitate communications between the Parties on any matter covered by this Agreement, each Party shall designate a contact point upon the entry into force of this Agreement. The designation of contact points is without prejudice to the specific designation of competent authorities under specific Chapters of this Agreement.
2. On request of the other Party, a Party's contact point shall identify the office or official responsible for the matter and assist, as necessary, in facilitating communications with the other Party.

### **Article 22.2: Joint Committee**

1. The Parties hereby establish a Joint Committee comprising representatives of each Party, which shall be co-chaired by the Minister for Trade, Industry and Energy of Korea and the Minister of Production, Foreign Trade, Investments and Fisheries of Ecuador, or their respective designees.
2. The Joint Committee shall:
  - (a) supervise and facilitate the implementation and application of this Agreement, and further its general aims;
  - (b) supervise the work of all committees, working groups, and other bodies established under this Agreement;
  - (c) consider ways to further enhance trade relations between the Parties;
  - (d) without prejudice to the rights conferred in Chapter Twenty (Dispute Settlement), seek the appropriate way to prevent or resolve any difficulty that may arise in relation to issues covered by this Agreement;
  - (e) evaluate the outcomes of the application of this Agreement;

- (f) supervise the further elaboration of this Agreement; and
  - (g) consider any other matter of interest relating to an area covered by this Agreement or that is entrusted to it by the Parties.
3. The Joint Committee may:
- (a) establish and delegate responsibilities to *ad hoc* and standing committees, working groups, and other bodies;
  - (b) communicate with all interested parties;
  - (c) consider amendments to this Agreement or make modifications to the commitments therein;
  - (d) adopt interpretations of the provisions of this Agreement;
  - (e) make recommendations or adopt decisions as envisaged by this Agreement;
  - (f) adopt its own rules of procedure and rules or additional provisions made and recommended by other committees under this Agreement, which will constitute an integral part of this Agreement after completion of each Party's respective applicable internal requirements and procedures; and
  - (g) take such other action in the exercise of its functions as the Parties may agree.
4. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, the Joint Committee shall convene:
- (a) in regular session every year, with such sessions to be held, in principle, alternately in the territory of each Party or at such location as the Parties may agree; and
  - (b) in special session within 30 days of the request of a Party, with such sessions to be held in the territory of the other Party or at such location as the Parties may agree.
5. A Party shall treat any confidential information exchanged in relation to a meeting of the Joint Committee or any body established under this Agreement on the same basis as the other Party providing the information.

6. All decisions of the Joint Committee, and all committees, working groups, and other bodies established under this Agreement shall be taken by consensus of the Parties.

### **Article 22.3: Committees and Working Groups**

1. The following committees are hereby established under the auspices of the Joint Committee:

- (a) Environmental Affairs Committee;
- (b) Committee on Trade in Goods;
- (c) Committee on Cooperation;
- (d) Committee on Financial Services;
- (e) Committee on Government Procurement;
- (f) Committee on Intellectual Property Rights;
- (g) Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade;
- (h) Committee on the SPS Measures;
- (i) Committee on Trade Remedies;
- (j) Customs Committee; and
- (k) Labor Committee.

2. The following working groups are hereby established under the auspices of the Joint Committee:

- (a) Working Group on Temporary Entry of Business Persons; and
- (b) Digital Trade Working Group.