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INVESTMENT

SCOPE, COVERAGE AND DURATION

1. This Chapter shall apply to measures¹ affecting:
 - a) investments (of investors of a Party) in the territory of another party existing at the time of entry into force as well as to investments made or acquired thereafter; and
 - b) investors of a Party in the establishment, acquisition, expansion, management, conduct, operation and sale or other disposition of investments in the territory of another Party.
 - c) all investments in the territory of any Party as provided in Article ____ (performance requirements).
2. ^{USA}[With respect to investments established prior to the date of termination of this Agreement and to which this Chapter otherwise applies, the provisions of all of this Chapter shall thereafter continue to be effective for a further period of ten years from such date of termination.]
3. This Chapter shall not apply to:
 - ^{MEX}[a) any measure taken pursuant to a restriction expressly mandated by the Constitution of a Party.]²
 - b) the provision of financial services or insurance ^{CDA}[except as provided in the Chapter on Financial Services;]

U.S. Note 1 - While financial services will be covered in the financial services chapter, certain provisions of the investment chapter may apply to financial services by cross-reference in the financial services chapter.

 - c) government procurement ^{CDA}[except as provided in the Chapter on Government Procurement;] ^{USA}[of goods and services supplied by investments in its territory controlled by nationals of a non-Party and procurement by states, provinces or political subdivisions of a Party];
 - d) ^{MEX CDA}[services listed in Annex Y01.3(c)]

¹ US agrees on the condition the definition of "measure" includes single actions.

² Mexico will supply new language for this provision.

e) ^{CDA}[public or private entities in respect of their activities forming part of a statutory system of social security, health care, education, day care, or public retirement plans;]³

f) ^{CDA}[subject to Article 106 (Nullification or Impairment of Benefits), any subsidy.]

g) ^{CDA}[as between Canada, the United States of America, and the United States of Mexico, cultural industries as defined in article 2012 of the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement.]⁴

4. ^{MEX USA}[Each Party reserves the right to deny to an entity of another Party the advantages of this Chapter if:

a) nationals of any non Party own or control such entity and such entity has no substantial business activities in the territory of the Party under whose laws it is constituted;]
^{USA}[or

b) such entity is owned or controlled by nationals of a non-Party with which the denying Party does not maintain normal economic relations.] ^{MEX}[such entity is owned or controlled by nationals of a non-Party from which the denying Party prohibits all investment.]⁵

ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES⁶

1. The Parties affirm that this Chapter shall not be construed to prevent the adoption or enforcement of any measure, otherwise consistent with this Chapter, that a Party deems appropriate to ensure that investment activity in its territory is undertaken in a

³ Mexico is considering on joining Canada in this issue.

⁴ **ADDITIONAL CANADIAN EQUIVALENCES**

From Canadian Protocol, Part 2: SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS AND EXCEPTIONS

5. Notwithstanding any provision of the Agreement, Article 2005 of the Canadian-United States Trade Agreement shall continue to apply as between Canada and the United States.

⁵ Mexico could also agree to the following language, "such entity is owned or controlled by interests of a country whose nationals are not permitted to make any investment in the denying Party.

⁶ The Parties reserve the right to modify this provision.

manner sensitive to environmental concerns.

2. No Party shall, as an inducement or incentive to the establishment, acquisition, or expansion of an investment of an investor of another Party, eliminate, waive, reduce, or otherwise derogate from measures of general application necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health or the environment in its territory, or from measures relating to the conservation of exhaustible natural resources.

TREATMENT OF INVESTMENTS

1. National Treatment

a) Each Party shall accord to investments of investors of another Party ^{USA MEX}[, and activities associated therewith,] treatment no less favourable than that which it accords, in like circumstances, to investments of its own investors.

b) Each Party shall accord to an investor of another Party treatment no less favourable than that which it accords, in like circumstances, to its own investors in respect of the establishment, acquisition, expansion, management⁷, conduct, operation and sale or other disposition of investments in its territory.

c) For greater certainty, no Party shall

i) impose on an investor of another Party a requirement that a minimum level of equity in a business enterprise in its territory be held by its nationals, other than nominal qualifying shares for directors or incorporators of corporations; or

ii) require an investor of another Party, by reason of its nationality, to sell or otherwise dispose of an investment in its territory.

2. MFN Treatment

a) Each Party shall accord to investments of an investor of another Party ^{USA MEX}[, and activities associated therewith,] treatment no less favourable than that which it accords, in like circumstances, to the investments of an investor of any other Party or of a non-Party.

b) Each Party shall accord to an investor of another Party treatment no less favourable than that which it accords, in like circumstances, to investors of any other Party or non-Party in respect of its establishment, acquisition, expansion, conduct, management⁷, operation and sale or other disposition of its investment in its territory.

3. Non-Discriminatory Treatment

⁷ Canada agrees on the condition that the Parties agree to an acceptable definition of "management".

The treatment that a Party shall accord to investments ^{USA}
^{MEX}[and associated activities] of another Party and to investors of
that Party shall be the better of the treatment required by
paragraphs 1(a), (b), and (c) and 2 (a) and (b).
("Nondiscriminatory treatment")]

4. Minimum Standard of Treatment

Each Party shall accord at all times to the investments in its
territory of investors of another Party full protection and
security, fair and equitable treatment, and in all other respects
as well, treatment in accordance with international law.

5. Without prejudice to paragraph 3, investors of a Party whose
investments suffer losses in the territory of another Party owing
to conflict or civil strife shall be accorded at least
nondiscriminatory treatment by such other Party as regards any
measures it adopts in relation to such losses.

6. ^{MEX} ^{USA}[A Party shall not require that entities which are
legally constituted under the applicable laws or regulations of one
Party, and which are investments of investors of another Party,
engage as top managerial personnel individuals of any particular
nationality.]

7. The most favored nation obligations of this Chapter shall not
apply to advantages accorded by a Party by virtue of the Party's
binding obligations under any multilateral international agreement
under the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
and other matters as set forth in Annex ____.

8. a) The obligations of paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 6 shall not
apply to :

i) a non-conforming provision of any existing measure⁸
which is maintained by a Party at the federal level, and
which that Party, as of the date of the signature of
this Agreement, has described in Annex A;

ii) a non-conforming provision of any existing measure
which is maintained by a state or province of a Party,
and which that Party described in Annex A within two

⁸ Existing measure will be defined to mean any measure in force on the date
of the signature of the Agreement.

years after the entry into force of this Agreement; or

iii) a non-conforming provision of any existing measure which is maintained by a local government of a Party.

b) A party may promptly renew such a non-conforming provision of any existing measure, or amend such a non-conforming provision of any existing measure, to the extent that the renewal or amendment does not decrease its conformity with the obligations of this Chapter.

c) The obligations of paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 6 shall nonetheless apply to the extent to which a Party has undertaken in Annex A to bring such non-conforming measures in closer conformity with those obligations during the term of this Agreement.

d) As a further departure from the obligations of paragraphs 1 and 2, which should occur only in the most limited circumstances, a Party, by the date of signature of this Agreement, may identify in Annex B activities or sectors in respect of which it maintains non-conforming provisions of existing measures and in respect of which it shall be permitted to impose non-conforming measures in the future.

9. ^{MEX USA}[Where a Party has or takes a measure covered in Annexes A and B it shall nonetheless accord most favored nation treatment unless set forth in the respective annex.]

10. Nothing in this Chapter shall preclude a Party from prescribing special formalities in connection with the making of investments by nationals or companies of another Party, provided such formalities do not impair the substance of any of the rights set forth in this Chapter.

11. ^{CDA}[Where a Party requires a service provider of another Party to provide a bond or other form of financial security before providing a service into its territory, the provisions of that service shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter ____ (Cross-Border Trade in Services) except as regards the Party's treatment of the required bond or financial security.]

12. ^{CDA}[The Parties shall implement the provisions of Annex ____ regarding measures affecting investors of the other Parties.]

13. ^{USA}[a) As a further exception to [provision on national

treatment]⁹, and only in respect of sectors reserved for the state on the date of entry into force of this Agreement,

(i) a Party, when privatizing an enterprise owned by it in such a sector, may sell all or a portion of its equity interests to its nationals; and

(ii) a Party, when permitting private investment in such a sector, may require that a specified level of equity in business enterprises in that sector be held by its nationals.

b) For state enterprises not in sectors reserved to the state at the date of entry into force of this Agreement, but carrying on an activity on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, a Party may limit the initial acquisition of its interests in the enterprise to its nationals. However, once the Party's interests have been sold, the obligations of paragraph 1 (national treatment) shall apply.¹⁰

13. ^{CDA}[Paragraph 1 shall not apply to any new measure of a Party relating to:

a) the sale or disposition of a business enterprise owned or controlled by the Party, or any political subdivision thereof, at the time of entry into force of this Agreement, and which relates to the direct and indirect ownership at any time of such business enterprises;

b) the sale or disposition of a business enterprise established or acquired by the Party, or any political subdivision thereof, after the entry into force of this Agreement. Once such sale or disposition has been completed, the provision of paragraph 1 shall apply to any subsequent sale or disposition;

c) the privatization or devolution of a service which the Party, or any political subdivision thereof, has been providing by means other than a business enterprise.]

⁹ This section would be inserted in the "treatment" section in a way which would capture the "ratchet."

¹⁰ Requirements that equity interests be held by nationals -- for state enterprises not in sectors reserved to the state at the date of entry into force of this Agreement, but which a Party establishes or acquires subsequent to the date of entry into force of this Agreement -- would be governed by Annexes A or B.

14. ^{MEX USA}[The treatment accorded by a Party under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 with respect to nationals and entities of another Party shall, in any state or political subdivision¹¹, be no less favorable than the treatment accorded by such state or political subdivision¹¹ to its residents, or entities legally constituted under its laws, or their investments in its territory.]

14. ^{CDA}[The provisions of this Article shall mean, with respect to measures of a province or state, treatment no less favorable than the most favorable treatment accorded by such province or state to investors, in like circumstances, of the Party of which it forms a part.]

15. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 a Party may require routine information, to be used solely for informational or statistical purposes, concerning an investment of an investor of another Party in its territory. Such Party shall protect such business information that is confidential from disclosure that would prejudice the investor's competitive position.

16. Nothing in paragraph 15 shall preclude a Party from otherwise obtaining or disclosing information in connection with the equitable and good faith application of its laws.

¹¹ The US and Mexico agree to adopt the term which the Lawyers' Group agree to use throughout the Agreement.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. ^{CDA}[[Except as provided in Annex ___)], no Party shall apply ^{USA}[or enforce], in connection with the establishment, acquisition, expansion, conduct or operation of an investment in its territory of an investor of a Party or ^{USA CDA}[non-Party], any of the following requirements ^{CDA}[enforceable under domestic law or administrative ruling]:

a) to export a given level or percentage of goods or services;

b) to achieve a given level or percentage of domestic content;

c) to purchase or use goods or services of domestic origin or from domestic producers or service providers, or otherwise accord a preference to goods or services produced in such territory;

d) relate in any way the volume or value of imports to the volume or value of exports or to the amount of foreign exchange inflows associated with such investment;

e) to restrict domestic sales of goods or services that such investment produces by relating such sales in any way to the volume or value of its exports or foreign exchange earnings;

f) ^{USA MEX}[transfer a particular technology, production process or other proprietary knowledge to a national or entity in its territory, except:

i) when imposed by a court or administrative tribunal to remedy an alleged violation of competition laws; or

ii) where necessary or appropriate to protect health, safety or the environment;]

g) ^{USA MEX}[act as the exclusive supplier of the goods or services it produces to a specific region or world market.]

2. ^{CDA MEX}[[Except as provided in Annex ___)], no Party shall condition the receipt or continued receipt of an incentive, in connection with investments in its territory of investors of a Party or non-Party, on any of the following requirements ^{CDA}[enforceable under domestic law or administrative ruling]:

- a) ^{CDA}[export a given level or percentage of goods;]
 - b) ^{USA MEX}[prescribe in any way the purchase or use of goods of domestic origin or from domestic producers;]
 - c) purchase or use goods of domestic origin or from domestic producers, or otherwise accord a preference to goods produced in such territory;
 - d) achieve a given level or percentage of domestic content;
 - e) relate in any way the volume or value of imports to the volume or value of exports or to the amount of foreign exchange inflows associated with such investment;
 - f) restrict domestic sales of goods or services that such investment produces by limiting such sales in any way to the volume or value of its exports or foreign exchange earnings;
 - g) ^{USA MEX}[to act as the exclusive supplier of the goods or services it produces to a specific, regional or world market.]
3. ^{USA MEX}[Notwithstanding paragraph 2, a Party may nonetheless condition the receipt of an incentive on commitments to locate production or employ workers in its territory, construct or expand particular facilities, or spend the incentive in its territory.]
4. The provisions of ^{CDA}[this Article] ^{USA MEX}[paragraphs 2(b) and 2(c)] shall not apply to:
- a) ^{USA MEX}[eligibility criteria for purposes of government procurement or export promotion programs;]
 - a) ^{CDA}[measures related to government procurement;]
 - b) ^{CDA}[the provision of subsidies consistent with Article XVI of the GATT and the Agreement on the Interpretation and Application of Article VI, XVI and XXIII of the GATT, including any amendments, modifications or successor agreements thereto;]
5. ^{CDA MEX}[No Party shall prohibit or otherwise restrict an investor established in the territory of another Party from:
- a) exporting goods and services originating from such territory to a non-party country, unless pursuant to a measure

of general application consistent with Article ___ (on export restrictions);

b) importing to such territory goods and services originating from a non-party; or

c) using goods and service originating in a non-party country.]

6. ^{MEX CDA}[Nothing in this Chapter including the principle of non-discrimination shall prevent a Party from imposing requirements on an investor of a Party or non-Party in respect of activities not listed in paragraphs 1 or 2.]

TRANSFERS

1. Subject to paragraph 3 ^{MEX CDA}[and paragraphs 5 and 6] a Party shall permit all transfers and international payments (hereinafter "transfers") relating to an investment in its territory of an investor of another Party to be made freely and without delay. Such transfers include:

- a) profits, dividends, interest, capital gains, royalty payments, management, technical assistance and other fees, returns in kind, and other amounts derived from an investment;
- b) proceeds from the sale of all or any part of an investment or from the partial or complete liquidation of an investment;
- c) payments made under a contract entered into by an investor, or investment, including payments made pursuant to a loan agreement;
- d) compensation pursuant to {Article on expropriation}; and
- e) payments arising out of an investment dispute ^{MEX USA}[as defined in {Article on dispute settlement}.]

2. ^{MEX USA}[Except as provided in paragraph 2 of {Article on expropriation} and] subject to paragraph 3, a Party shall permit transfers to be made in a freely usable currency at the market rate of exchange prevailing on the date of transfer with respect to spot transactions in the currency to be transferred.

3. A Party may, through the equitable and good faith application of its laws, prevent any transfer referred to in paragraph 1 if such transfer is inconsistent with any measure of general application relating to:

- a) ^{CDA}[restrictions applied by a Party to persons of another Party on the making of payments and transfers for current international transactions which conform with Article VIII of the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund;]
- b) bankruptcy, insolvency or the protection of the rights of creditors;
- c) issuing, trading or dealing in securities;
- d) criminal or penal offenses;

- e) reports of currency transfers;
- f) imposing taxes by such means as a withholding tax; or
- g) ensuring the satisfaction of judgments in adjudicatory proceedings.

4. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this Article, a Party may maintain or adopt restrictions on the transfer of "returns in kind" (goods and services) that are otherwise in conformity with the provisions of this Agreement.¹²

5. ^{MEX CDA}[No Party shall require its investors to repatriate, or penalize its investors who fail to repatriate, the income, earnings or profits attributable to any investment in another Party or to any businesses carried on in another Party either directly by the investors or indirectly through a business enterprise established in that other Party.]

6. ^{MEX CDA}[Paragraph 4 shall not be construed as preventing a Party from taxing its investors on their share of any income, earnings or profits attributable to a business carried on or an investment made in another Party, provided that the tax so charged does not exceed the tax that would be so charged if such income, earnings or profits were repatriated, without any further tax on the repatriation, to its investors.]

7. ^{MEX}[Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the rights and obligations of the Parties under the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund, including the use of exchange actions which are in conformity with such Articles of Agreement, provided that a Party shall not impose restrictions on any capital transactions inconsistently with its specific commitments under this Agreement regarding such transactions.]

¹² U.S. agrees that paragraph 1 should not prohibit general export controls, but reserves the right to modify the language.

EXPROPRIATION AND COMPENSATION

1. No Party shall directly or indirectly nationalize or expropriate an investment of an investor of another Party in its territory or take any measure or series of measures tantamount to expropriation or nationalization of such an investment ("expropriation"), except:

- a) for a public purpose;
- b) on a nondiscriminatory basis;
- c) in accordance with due process of law and the general principles of treatment provided in paragraph 3 Article (on treatment of investment); and
- d) upon payment of compensation in accordance with paragraph 2.

2. Compensation shall be equivalent to the fair market value of the expropriated investment immediately before the expropriatory action was taken or became known, whichever is earlier. Valuation criteria shall include going concern value, asset value (including declared tax value of tangible property), and other criteria, as appropriate to determine fair market value. Compensation shall be paid without delay; be fully realizable; and be freely transferable ^{USA}[into a currency of a country which is a member of the Group of Seven] ^{CDA}[at the prevailing market rate of exchange on the date of expropriation, or on the date of transfer when the compensation is paid in a currency of a country which is a member of the Group of Seven]. The amount paid shall be no less when converted into a currency of a ^{MEX}[Party] ^{USA}[country which is a member of the Group of Seven], than if compensation had been paid on the date of the expropriation, had been converted into that currency at the market rate of exchange prevailing on the date of valuation, and had earned interest at a commercially reasonable rate for that currency until the date of payment.]

3. The provisions of this Article do not apply to the issuance of compulsory licenses granted in relation to intellectual property rights, or the revocation, limitation or creation of intellectual property rights consistent with the provisions of Chapter ____ (Intellectual Property).¹³

¹³ This paragraph has been agreed upon by the Intellectual Property group, but has not yet been discussed or agreed upon by the Investment group.

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

^{USA}[1. The provisions of this article reflect the desirability of a mechanism for the settlement of investment disputes that assures equal treatment between investors of the Parties in accordance with the principle of international reciprocity and that assures that the Parties to the dispute are afforded due process before an impartial tribunal.

2. For purposes of this Article, an investment dispute means a dispute between a Party and an investor of another Party involving an alleged breach of any right conferred by this Chapter. An investment dispute shall not include an alleged breach of this Chapter where the very measure constituting the alleged breach is itself expressly permitted by another Chapter.

3. In the event of an investment dispute, the parties to the dispute should initially seek a resolution through consultation and negotiation. If the dispute cannot be settled amicably, the investor concerned may choose to submit the dispute for resolution:

- a) to the courts or administrative tribunals of the Party that is a Party to the dispute; or
- b) in accordance with the terms of paragraph 4.

The choice made by the investor shall be exclusive. If the investor chooses to submit the dispute for resolution in accordance with paragraph 4, the investor may seek as final relief only monetary damages or restitution of property.

4. Provided that the investor concerned has not submitted the dispute for resolution under paragraph 3 (a) and that six months have elapsed from the date on which the dispute arose, the investor concerned may submit the dispute for settlement by binding arbitration:

- a) to the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes ("Centre") established by the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of other States, done at Washington, March 18, 1965 ("ICSID Convention"), provided that the Party concerned is a party to such Convention;
- b) to the Additional Facility of the Centre, if the Centre is not available; or

c) in accordance with arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

5. Notwithstanding paragraphs 3 and 4, the investor and the Party to the dispute may mutually agree to arbitration in accordance with other arbitration rules or before another arbitration institution.

6. Each Party hereby consents to the submission of any investment dispute for settlement by binding arbitration in accordance with the choice made by the investor under paragraph 4. Such consent, together with this submission of the dispute by the investor under paragraph 4 or 5 shall satisfy the requirement for:

a) written consent of the parties to the dispute for purposes of Chapter II of the ICSID Convention (Jurisdiction of the Centre) and for purposes of the Additional Facility Rules;

b) an "agreement in writing" for purposes of Article II of the United Nations Convention of the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, done at New York, June 10, 1958 ("New York Convention"); and

c) an "agreement" for purposes of Article I of the Inter-American Convention on International Commercial Arbitration ("Inter-American Convention".)

Any such investment dispute shall be considered to arise out of a commercial relationship or transaction for purposes of Article I of the New York Convention and Article I of the Inter-American Convention.

7. Unless the parties to an investment dispute agree otherwise the place of any arbitration under paragraphs 4 or 5 of this Article shall be in the territory of a Party to this Agreement that is a party to the New York Convention, such place to be selected in accordance with the applicable arbitration rules.

8. The arbitral tribunal constituted pursuant to paragraph 4 or 5 shall decide the dispute in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and applicable rules of international law.

9. [Subject to the applicable provisions of the New York Convention, the Inter-American Convention, and the ICSID Convention],

a) any arbitral award resulting from an arbitration under

paragraphs 4 or 5 of this Article shall be final and binding on the parties to the dispute; and

b) each Party undertakes to carry out without delay the provisions of any such award and to provide for its enforcement.

10. In an arbitration held pursuant to paragraphs 4 or 5, the Tribunal may determine any incidental or additional claims or counterclaims arising directly out of the acts or measures constituting the alleged breach of this Chapter, except as the parties to the investment dispute otherwise agree. In any proceeding involving an investment dispute, a Party shall not assert, as a defense, counterclaim, right of set off or otherwise, that the investor concerned has received or will receive, pursuant to an insurance or guarantee contract, indemnification or other compensation for all or part of its alleged damages.

11. For purposes of an arbitration held under paragraph 4 or 5 of this Article, any company legally constituted under the applicable laws and regulations of a Party or a political subdivision thereof but that, immediately before the occurrence of the event or events giving rise to the dispute, was an investment of nationals or companies of another Party, shall be treated as an investor of such other Party, including in accordance with Article 25(2)(b) of the ICSID Convention.

12. No Party shall give diplomatic protection, or bring an international claim for money damages or restitution of property, in respect of the investment dispute which one of its investors shall have submitted to arbitration under this Article, unless such other Party shall have failed to abide by and comply with the award pursuant to the New York Convention. Diplomatic protection, for purposes of this paragraph shall not include state-to-state dispute settlement pursuant to Article ___ of this Agreement, or informal diplomatic exchanges for the sole purposes of facilitating settlement of a dispute.

Provision for the Investment Chapter that might be taken into the General provisions:

A Party shall have a defense to a claim under Article ___ to the extent that the very measure constituting the alleged breach of this Chapter is itself expressly authorized by another Chapter.]

^{USA}[SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN PARTIES]

1. Any dispute between Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Chapter which is not resolved through consultations or other diplomatic channels, shall be submitted, upon the request of a Party, for binding decision in accordance with the applicable rules of international law to an arbitral tribunal composed of three arbitrators.

2. In the absence of an agreement by the Parties to the contrary, the arbitration rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) shall apply. The appointing authority referenced in those rules shall be the Secretary General of the Centre.

3. Fees and expenses of the arbitrators and appointing authority, and other costs of the proceedings, shall be borne equally by the Parties. Each Party shall bear the cost of its legal representation.]

^{CDA}[ARTICLE XX07: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN A PARTY AND AN INVESTOR OF ANOTHER PARTY.

1. The provisions of this Article reflect the desirability of a mechanism for the settlement of investment disputes that assures equal treatment between investors of the Parties to this Agreement in accordance with the principle of international reciprocity and that assures that the parties to the dispute are afforded due process before an impartial tribunal.

2. Definitions

For purposes of this Article,

(a) "disputing parties", in relation to an investment dispute, means the investor and the disputing Party;

(b) "disputing Party", in relation to an investment dispute, means the Party to this Agreement alleged to have breached a right conferred by this Chapter;

(c) "ICSID Convention" means the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of other States, done at Washington, March 18, 1965;

(d) "Inter-American Convention" means the Inter-American

Convention on International Commercial Arbitration, done at Panama, [Month] [Day], 1975;

(e) "investment dispute" means a dispute between a Party to this Agreement and an investor of another Party whereby the investor alleges that the first-mentioned Party has breached a right conferred by this Chapter and that it has suffered loss or damage by reason of, or arising out of, that breach, but does not include a dispute with respect to

(i) measures that are inconsistent with this Chapter but that are authorized by other provisions of this Agreement,

(ii) non-conforming provisions of measures covered by Articles ... and Annexes ... ; or

(iii) an alleged breach of any right to the security of the person of an investor;

(f) "New York Convention" means the United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, done at New York, June 10, 1958;

(g) "UNCITRAL" means the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

3. Negotiation

In the event of an investment dispute, the disputing parties should attempt first to settle the dispute by consultation and negotiation.

4. Arbitration

(1) If an investment dispute cannot be settled by consultation and negotiation, the investor may, subject to subparagraphs (2) to (4), submit the dispute for settlement by arbitration:

(a) to the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes ("Centre") established by the ICSID Convention, provided that the disputing Party and the Party of the Investor are parties to that Convention;

(b) to the Additional Facility of the Centre, if the disputing Party is not a Party to the ICSID Convention; or

(c) in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

(2) The investor may submit the investment dispute to arbitration under subparagraph (1) on condition that the investor

(a) waive his rights to initiate or continue before any court or administrative tribunal of the disputing Party any proceedings in respect of a breach of the domestic law of that Party and in which the matter at issue is substantially the same as the matter at issue in the arbitration proceeding;

(b) waive execution under the New York Convention of any arbitral award made in an arbitration proceeding initiated under subparagraph (1), except in a country that is both a Party to the New York Convention and a Party to this Agreement; and

(c) agrees that the defending Party can establish an arbitral panel under paragraph 8 or 9.

(3) An investor who intends to submit an investment dispute to arbitration under subparagraph (1) shall give notice of his intention to the disputing Party at least ninety days before that proceeding is initiated, which notice shall

(a) designate precisely the parties to the dispute and state the address of each;

(b) set forth the provisions of this Agreement alleged to have been breached and any other relevant provisions; and

(c) contain information concerning the issues in dispute and an indication of the amount involved.

(4) An investor is not entitled to initiate arbitration under subparagraph (1) if

(a) less than six months have elapsed since the date on which the investment dispute arose;

(b) more than two years have elapsed since the date on which the investor first acquired, or should have first acquired, knowledge of the alleged breach that is at issue in the dispute; or

(c) the disputing Party has requested the establishment of

an arbitral panel in accordance with paragraph 8 or 9.

(5) An arbitration proceeding under subparagraph (1) is initiated on the date, as applicable, on which

(a) the notice of registration of the request to institute arbitration proceedings has been dispatched by the Secretary-General of the Centre in accordance with paragraph (3) of Article 36 of the ICSID Convention;

(b) the certificate of registration of the notice for arbitration has been dispatched by the Secretary-General of the Centre in accordance with of Article 4 of Schedule C of the Additional Facility Rules; or

(c) the notice of arbitration given under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules is received by the disputing Party.

5. (1) An investor of a Party shall not have a right of action under the domestic law of another Party for any breach of this Agreement by that other Party.

(2) If an arbitration proceeding is initiated in respect of an investment dispute, the investor shall cease to have any right to initiate before any court or administrative tribunal of the disputing Party any proceedings in respect of a breach of the domestic law of that Party in which the matter at issue is substantially the same as the matter at issue in the arbitration proceeding.

6. An arbitral tribunal to which an investment dispute is referred for arbitration in accordance with paragraph 4 may decline to address an issue, reserve its decision on an issue, or stay the proceedings before the tribunal, pending decision by any other arbitral tribunal or panel on the same issue.

7. A disputing Party may, within ninety days after service of a notice under subparagraph 4(3) in respect of the investment dispute,

(a) request the establishment of an arbitral panel in accordance with paragraph 8, if it considers that any actual or proposed measure or other matter that is at issue in the dispute, or at issue in the dispute and in other investment disputes in which it is a disputing Party, might significantly affect the operation of this Agreement; or

(b) request the establishment of an arbitral panel in accordance with paragraph 9, if it considers that the dispute, or the dispute and other investment disputes in which it is a disputing Party, raises important issues of public policy or that the dispute and other investment disputes in which it is a disputing Party should be consolidated.

8. (1) A disputing Party may request the [North American] Trade Commission to establish an arbitral panel in accordance with Article 2309.

(2) The request shall state the measure or other matter that the disputing Party considers might significantly affect the operation of this Agreement, indicate the provisions of this Agreement that are considered relevant, and be delivered by the disputing Party to the other Parties and to its Section of the Secretariat.

(3) Subject to Article 2313, the terms of reference for the arbitral panel shall be

(a) to examine, in light of the relevant provisions of this Agreement, the measure or other matter referred to the Commission as set out in the request; and

(b) to make such findings, determinations, and disposition as provided in Article 2317(2).

(4) Except as modified by this paragraph, the provisions of Chapter 23 apply to an arbitration proceeding that is initiated under this paragraph.

(5) An arbitration proceeding is initiated under this paragraph on the date of delivery of the request to the Commission.

(6) An arbitral tribunal established pursuant to paragraph 4 shall cease, on the date on which an arbitration proceeding is initiated under this paragraph, to have jurisdiction with respect to any matter at issue in the proceeding before it that is also at issue in the proceeding before the arbitral panel established pursuant to this paragraph pending determination of the matter by the panel established pursuant to this paragraph.

(7) The determination and disposition of the arbitral panel, or a settlement by the Parties with respect to any measure or other matter at issue in the proceeding before the panel, is binding on any arbitral tribunal established pursuant to paragraph 4 to which

the same matter is or has been referred for arbitration.

9. (1) A disputing Party may request the Secretary of the International Chamber of Commerce to establish an arbitral panel.

(2) An arbitral panel shall consist of three arbitrators appointed by the Secretary.

(3) The disputing Party shall give notice of its request to establish an arbitral panel to all known claimants and to the Party or Parties of the claimants.

(4) The disputing Party shall refer to the arbitral panel such issues as it considers appropriate and the panel shall determine and dispose of those issues.

(5) The disputing Party, the claimants and the Party or Parties of the claimants shall have the right to be parties to the proceeding before the arbitral panel.

(6) No arbitral tribunal or panel established pursuant to paragraph 4, 8 or 10 shall have jurisdiction to decide any issue that is also at issue before an arbitral panel established pursuant to this paragraph pending decision by the panel established pursuant to this paragraph.

(7) The determination and disposition of the arbitral panel, or the settlement by the Parties on the issue or issues before it, is binding on the parties to the proceeding before the panel and on any arbitral panel or tribunal established pursuant to paragraph 4, 8 or 10 to which the same issue or issues is or have been referred for arbitration.

(8) Except as modified by this paragraph, the provisions of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules apply mutandis mutatis to an arbitration proceeding that is initiated under this paragraph.

10. Notwithstanding paragraphs 3 to 9, the disputing parties may agree to submit the investment dispute to arbitration in accordance with other arbitration rules or before any other arbitration institution.

10a. An arbitral tribunal or panel established pursuant to paragraph 4, 9 or 10

(b) may not order provisional measures; and

(c) may award only monetary compensation or restitution of property.

11. General

Unless the disputing parties agree otherwise, an arbitration proceeding under paragraph 4, 9 or 10 shall be held in the territory of any Party to this Agreement that is a Party to the New York Convention, such place to be selected in accordance with the applicable arbitration rules.

12. (1) An arbitral tribunal or panel established pursuant to paragraph 4, 9 or 10 shall decide the issue or issues in the proceeding before it in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and applicable rules of international law.

(2) Subject to subparagraphs 8(7) and 9(7), the decision of an arbitral tribunal or panel established pursuant to this Article shall have no binding force except between the parties to the proceeding and in respect of the particular case.

13. (1) The award granted by an arbitral tribunal or panel established pursuant to this Article shall be subject to judicial review under the law of the place where the arbitration proceeding is held [or, in the alternative, review by an extraordinary panel under this Agreement].

(2) No arbitral tribunal or panel established pursuant to this Article shall order a Party to pay punitive or aggravated damages or to return property that is not owned and controlled by that Party.

(3) Where an arbitral tribunal or panel established pursuant to paragraph 4, 9 or 10 orders a Party to return property, it shall also order that the Party may pay compensation in lieu thereof.

(4) Costs in any arbitration proceeding under this Article and interest on any award shall be governed by arbitral law of the place where the proceeding is held.

14. (1) In any arbitration proceeding under paragraph 4, 9 or 10, the arbitral tribunal

(a) may take into account amounts that a competent domestic authority has ordered the investor to pay to the disputing Party and that are counterclaimed by that Party; and

(b) shall deduct from an award amounts paid by the defending Party under a contract of indemnity.

(2) Subject to subparagraph 14(1)(b), in any proceeding under this Article involving an investment dispute, a Party shall not assert, as a defense, counterclaim, right of set off or otherwise, that the investor concerned has received or will receive, pursuant to an insurance or guarantee contract, indemnification or other compensation for all or part of its alleged damages.

14b. An award made under this Article shall be enforceable under [in accordance with] the New York Convention in a country that is both a Party to the New York Convention and a Party to this Agreement.

15. Subject to subparagraph 13(1) and the applicable provisions of the New York Convention, the Inter-American Convention and the ICSID Convention,

(a) any arbitral award granted in an arbitration proceeding under paragraphs 4, 9 or 10 is final on the parties to the arbitration proceeding; and

(b) each Party to this Agreement undertakes to carry out without delay the provisions of any arbitral award granted against it in any arbitration proceeding under paragraph 4, 9 or 10 and to provide for the enforcement of arbitral awards granted in arbitration proceedings under those paragraphs.

16. For purposes of an arbitration proceeding under paragraph 4, 9 or 10, any company that is legally constituted under the applicable laws and regulations of a Party or a political subdivision thereof but that, immediately before the occurrence of the event or events giving rise to the dispute, was an investment of nationals or companies of another Party, shall be treated as an investor of such other Party, including in accordance with Article 25(2)(b) of the ICSID Convention.

17. (1) Subject to this Article, each Party hereby consents to the submission of any investment dispute between that Party and any investor of another Party for settlement by arbitration in accordance with paragraph 4.

(2) The submission of an investment dispute for settlement by arbitration in accordance with paragraph 4, together with the consent given by each Party in subparagraph (1), shall satisfy:

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(a) the requirement of Chapter II of the ICSID Convention (Jurisdiction of the Centre) and the Additional Facility Rules for written consent of the parties;

(b) the requirement of Article II of the New York Convention for an agreement in writing; and

(c) the requirement of Article I of the Inter-American Convention for an agreement.

(3) For purposes of Article I of the New York Convention and Article I of the Inter-American Convention, the submission of any investment dispute for settlement by arbitration in accordance with paragraph 4 shall be considered to arise out of a commercial relationship or transaction.

(4) For greater certainty, subparagraph (3) shall not affect any claim of immunity made by any Party to this Agreement with respect to the enforcement of any arbitral award.

18. (1) No Party shall give diplomatic protection, or bring an international claim for money damages or restitution of property, in respect of any investment dispute that an investor of that Party has submitted to arbitration under paragraph 4, 9 or 10, unless the other Party concerned has failed to abide by and comply with the New York Convention in respect of an award granted in the arbitration proceeding.

(2) For purposes of subparagraph (1), "diplomatic protection" does not include state-to-state dispute settlement pursuant to Chapter 23 or informal diplomatic exchanges for the sole purposes of facilitating settlement of a dispute.

19. Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement, the provisions of this Article and Chapter 23 (Dispute Settlement) shall not apply to any Decision by Canada following a review under the Investment Canada Act, with respect to whether or not to permit an acquisition that is subject to review.]

NATIONAL SECURITY

1. ^{MEX USA}[Nothing in this Chapter shall preclude the application by a Party of measures necessary for the maintenance of public order, the fulfillment of its obligations under the United Nations Charter with respect to the maintenance or restoration of international peace or security, or the protection of its own essential security interests.

Note: This provision is self-judging.]

^{CDA}[1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent:

a) any Party from refusing to furnish or allow access to any information the disclosure of which it determines to be contrary to its essential security interests;

b) any Party from imposing any measure affecting goods, services, service providers, suppliers or investors of a Party which it determines is directly related and essential to:

i) supplying a military establishment of a Party with arms, ammunition or implements of war, or enabling fulfillment of a critical defence contract of a Party;

ii) responding to a situation of armed conflict involving the Party taking the measure;

iii) implementing international agreements relating to the nonproliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, other nuclear explosive devices, or chemical or biological agents;

iv) responding to direct threats of disruption in the supply of nuclear materials for defence purposes.

c) any Party from taking action in pursuance of its obligations under the United Nations Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security.

2. The Party relying on paragraphs a) - c) shall ensure that its action or measure is that which least infringes the rights or any reasonable expectations of the other Parties under this Agreement, and is no broader in scope or duration than necessary.

3. Any determination made under paragraph 1(b) shall be published promptly in the official journal of that Party. Any determination

made under paragraph 1(a) or action taken under paragraph 1(c) shall, where appropriate, be similarly published.

4. Except in cases of emergency, the Party proposing to impose any measure under paragraph 1(b), or proposing to take action under 1(c) shall consult with the other Parties prior to imposing such measure or taking such action.]

^{MEX CDA}[5. If a Party considers that any action or measure taken by another Party under this Article constitutes a disguised restriction on trade or investment or otherwise nullifies or impairs any benefit reasonably expected under this Agreement, it may request consultations. Such consultations shall be held promptly. The Party whose action or measure is the subject of the consultations shall give full and sympathetic consideration to the view of the complaining Party and shall explain, in as much detail as is consistent with its assessment of its security interests, the reasons for the measure. Where appropriate following such consultations, such Party shall re-consider whether its action or the application of its measure could be altered in any way, in order to minimize the infringement of rights and benefits otherwise secured by this Agreement.]

^{CDA}[6. No Party may invoke the provisions of this Article to derogate from the requirement to pay compensation for an expropriation in accordance with Article ____ or to permit the transfer of an investment and returns, in accordance with Article ____.]

EXTRA-TERRITORIALITY

^{MEX CDA}[1. No Party may prescribe new laws or enforce existing laws so as to require investors or service providers to act, in the territory of another Party, in a manner that conflicts with the laws of such other Party.]

STATE ENTERPRISES

^{CDA}[DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPER

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Party from maintaining or establishing a state enterprise.

2. The Party maintaining or establishing a state enterprise shall ensure, whether regulatory supervision, administrative control or the application of other measures, including where appropriate, through the application of its domestic competition laws, that the state enterprise:

a) in the provision of its goods or services in the territory of the Party, accord nondiscriminatory treatment to investments of investors of another Party;

b) where engaged in non-regulated commercial activities in competition, in the relevant market within the territory of such Party or any part thereof, with investments of investors of another Party, does not engage in anti-competitive practices that adversely affect investments of investors of another Party.

3. Where a state enterprise of a Party is engages in competition with investments of investors of another Party in the relevant market within the territory of that Party or any Part thereof, that Party shall accord to investments of investors of the other Party, treatment no less favorable than that accorded, in like circumstances, to investors of any other private persons.]

^{USA}[1.The provisions of this Chapter, and in particular the obligation to accord nondiscriminatory treatment to investments in the territory of a Party of investors of another Party, shall apply to the state enterprises of a Party.

2. Further to Article (concerning nondiscriminatory treatment), where a state enterprise of a Party is in competition, within the territory of such Party, with an investment of an investor of another Party, and where there are no other investments of investors of that Party which are not state enterprises in competition with the state enterprise, that Party shall accord the investment of the investor of the other Party treatment no less favorable than that which it provides its state enterprise. Where investments of investors of that Party which are not state enterprises also compete with the state enterprise, the investment of the investor of the other Party shall be accorded treatment no

less favorable than that provided such other investments.]

MONOPOLIES

^{CDA}[1. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Party from maintaining or designating a monopoly.

2. Prior to designating a monopoly, and where the designation may affect interests of persons of another Party, a Party shall:

- a) notify the other Parties;
- b) upon request, engage in consultations; and
- c) endeavor to minimize or eliminate any unnecessary nullification or impairment of benefits under this Agreement that might otherwise be caused by the designation.

3. A Party designating a monopoly shall ensure that the monopoly does not engage in discrimination in its sales in the relevant market against investments of investors of another Party, contrary to this Agreement.

4. A Party maintaining or designating a monopoly shall ensure that the monopoly in its territory, either directly or through an affiliated company, does not use its monopoly position to engage in anti-competitive practices, whether through cross-subsidization with its operations in its relevant market or otherwise, in areas outside the relevant market.]

COMPETITION POLICY

^{CDA}[1. The Parties agree to implement such laws and regulations as are necessary and appropriate that result in the transparent regulation, as well as enforcement thereof, of anti-competitive conduct by private persons such as anti-competitive agreements, mergers, monopolies and pricing practices and abuse of dominant position, recognizing that such conduct may frustrate the fulfillment of the object and purpose of this agreement.

2. The obligations of paragraph 1 shall not be subject to review pursuant to section(s) (the dispute settlement mechanisms).

3. Each party agrees to notify the others prior to the adoption of any such laws, regulations or policies, or modification thereof and, upon request of any other Party, to hold consultations and to consider the views of the other Party(ies).

4. The Parties recognize that effective competition law enforcement in the free trade area requires cooperation and coordination among national authorities. For the purpose of implementing such coordination and cooperation, the Parties agree to pursue negotiations on a trilateral basis to create, expand or enhance international agreements and arrangements for mutual legal assistance, notification, consultation and exchange of information relating to the enforcement of competition laws and policies in the free trade area.

5. In the enforcement of their respective competition laws and policies in those cases involving persons, assets, or practices located, or occurring, in the territory of any of the other Parties, each Party shall, in addition to any obligations incorporated in agreements reached pursuant to section 4 (above), assess, and be prepared to advise the other Parties of the results of its assessment of, the following factors:

a) the relative significance of the anti-competitive activities involved of conduct within the enforcing Party's territory as compared to conduct within the other Party's territory;

b) the presence or absence of a purpose on the part of those engaged in the anti-competitive activities to affect consumers, suppliers, or competitors within the enforcing Party's territory;

c) the relative significance of the effects of the

enforcement activities on the enforcing Party's interests as compared to the effects on the other Party's interests;

d) the existence or absence of reasonable expectations that would be furthered or defeated by the enforcement activities;

e) the degree of conflict or consistency between the enforcement activities and the other Party's law or articulated economic policies; and

f) the extent to which enforcement activities of such other Party with respect to the same persons, including judgements or undertakings resulting from such activities, may be affected.

6. The Commission shall establish a Competition Policy Committee to consider and make recommendations (no later than) on:

a) the impact of competition law and policy on trade within the free trade area;

b) the impact of trade law and regulation on competition within the free trade area;

c) the potential for reliance on competition laws and policies to discipline anti-competitive transborder pricing practices and market segmentation.^{14]}

¹⁴ Paragraph 6 and the Mexican equivalent for Working Group review of removal of barriers to competition is under consideration in the Lawyers' Group in consultation with the Trade Remedies Group.

TECHNOLOGY CONSORTIA

MEX CDA[1. a) No Party shall maintain or introduce any measure that limits or prevents an investor of another Party from participating in a technology consortium or other group of business enterprises respecting the development of or access to technology (in a manner that would violate Article (on national treatment) or Article (on nullification and impairment)).

b) For greater certainty, the terms and conditions for participation in a technology consortia including financial and technology resources shall be determined by the members of the consortia.]

2. CDA[Any measure imposed by a Party on a global basis that would be consistent with this Agreement but for paragraph 1 of this Article, including those imposed in accordance with the national security provisions of this Agreement, that limits or prevents such participation, shall not apply to the investors of the other Parties unless the other Parties are specifically named as being included in the measure. Any Party proposing to implement such measure that places a restriction or limitation on the investors of the other Parties shall consult with the other parties prior to its implementation.]

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Chapter:

Business enterprise means a business¹⁵ that has, or in the case of an establishment thereof will have:

- a) a place of business;
- b) an individual or individuals employed or self-employed in connection with the business; and
- c) assets used in carrying on the business, and

^{CDA}[that involves a financial commitment for the purpose of commercial gain.]

Entity¹⁶ means any corporation, trust, partnership, sole proprietorship, joint venture or other association ^{MEX USA}[whether or not for profit, and whether privately-owned or governmentally-owned.]

^{MEX USA}[**Entity of a Party** means an entity legally constituted under the laws and regulations of a Party or a political subdivision thereof.]

^{CDA} [**Investment of an investor** of a Party means an investment that is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by an investor of such Party¹⁷.

Investment consists of:

- a) a business enterprise located in the territory of another Party;
- b) equity or debt securities of a corporation constituted under the laws of another Party, or in any interest in an entity of another Party that entitles the owner to share the

¹⁵ The U.S. is checking whether the reference to "business" would preclude coverage of some activities of non-profit organizations.

¹⁶ Canada is checking this definition.

¹⁷ For purposes of paragraph 1, an investor owns or controls an investment indirectly when he has a determining influence on the management of such investment.

income or profits or to share in the assets on dissolution.

c) real estate or other tangible property located in the territory of another Party, including leaseholds, [or intangible property excluding intellectual property, located in the territory of another Party,] that is acquired in the expectation of or used for the purpose of commercial gain;

d) a loan to a business enterprise located in the territory of another Party made or guaranteed by an affiliate of such business enterprise (but not including a loan by a bank or other financial institution as defined in Chapter (on Financial Services), whether or not such loan is guaranteed by one of the affiliated business enterprises).¹⁸

e) interests arising from the commitment of significant capital in the territory of another Party to a project or permanent commercial presence in that territory related to (i) contracts involving the presence of the investor's property in the territory of another Party (such as concession agreements, turnkey or construction contracts) or (ii) contracts where remuneration depends substantially on the production, revenues or profits of a business enterprise.

3. For greater clarity, investment excludes the following kind of interests:

a) claims to money which arise solely from:

(i) commercial contracts for the sale of goods or services by a national or entity in the territory of one Party to a business enterprise in the territory of another Party;

(ii) the extension of credit in connection with a commercial transaction (e.g. trade financing); or

(iii) any other claims to money

and which do not involve the kinds of interests in paragraph 2.

b) any loan to a business enterprise other than a loan between affiliated business enterprises described in paragraph

¹⁸ Overlaps with the Financial Services Chapter remain to be resolved.

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c) bonds, treasury bills, or any other kind of debt, security issued by a Party, including those issued by State, Provincial or local governments of a Party.¹⁹

4. "Equity or debt" securities includes voting and non-voting shares, bonds, convertible debentures, stock options and warrants.]

^{MEX USA}[1. **Investment** of an investor of a Party means an investment owned or controlled directly or indirectly by an investor of such Party.

2. Investment includes the following kinds of interests:

a) equity or debt securities of a business enterprise, or any interest in such enterprise that entitles the owner to share in the income or profits or to share in the assets on dissolution;

b) real estate or other property (tangible or intangible) acquired in the expectation of used for the purpose of economic benefit or other business purposes;

c) a loan to a business enterprise made or guaranteed by an affiliate of such business enterprise ^{USA}[and any other loan to a business enterprise if the mean repayment period exceeds three years];

d) interests arising from the commitment of capital or other resources to economic activity in the territory of another Party. ^{USA}[such as under (i) contracts involving the presence of the investor's property in the territory of another Party (e.g., concession agreements, turnkey or construction contracts), (ii) contracts where the remuneration depends substantially on the production, revenues or profits of a business enterprise or (iii) government-issued permits to engage in such economic activity.]

3. For greater clarity, claims to money which arise solely from:

a) commercial contracts for the sale of goods or services by a national or entity in the territory of one Party to a

¹⁹ Canada will consider moving this to the "treatment" Article in connection with a possible exception to national treatment.

business enterprise in the territory of another Party; or

b) the extension of credit in connection with a commercial transaction (e.g., trade financing) other than a loan covered by paragraph 2(c); or

c) any other claim to money;

and which do not involve the kinds of interests in paragraph 2 shall not be considered investments.

4. "Equity or debt securities" includes voting and non-voting shares, bonds, convertible debentures, stock options and warrants.]

^{MEX}[5. Notwithstanding paragraphs 2 to 4, investment does not include any loan made or guaranteed, in any form, by a bank or other financial institution as defined in Chapter (financial services).]

Investor of a Party means a national or entity of such Party.

^{CDA}[**Investor of a Party** means

(a) a national of such Party, or

(b) an entity of such Party that is controlled in fact, directly or indirectly, by nationals of such Party.

^{MEX CDA}[**Investor of a non-Party** means an investor other than an investor of a Party, that makes or has made an investment;]

^{MEX CDA}[**Joint venture** means an association of two or more persons or entities where the relationship among those associated persons or entities does not, under the laws in force in the territory of the Party in which the investment is made, constitute a corporation, a partnership or a trust and where all those associated persons or entities own or will own assets of a business enterprise, or directly or indirectly own or will own voting interests in an entity that carries on a business enterprise;]

Measures includes "any law, regulation, procedure, requirement or practice." It should be noted that this definition is not exhaustive of the forms that measures may take.

^{CDA}[**Monopoly** means any entity, or group of entities acting in concert to effect a common purpose, that in any relevant market, is the sole provider of a good or service.]

National means a natural person who is a national of a country under its applicable law.²⁰

^{MEX CDA}[**Ownership** includes beneficial ownership and with respect to assets also includes the beneficial ownership of a leasehold interest in such assets;]

^{MEX CDA}[**Person** means a natural person or an enterprise.]

Relevant market means the market of the good or service within the territory of a Party, or any part thereof, which is the subject of the maintained or designated monopoly.

^{CDA}[**State enterprise** means for Canada a Crown Corporation within the meaning on the Financial Administration Act. For the U.S. and Mexico...]

^{USA}[**State enterprise** means an entity of a Party that is owned, or controlled through ownership interests, directly or indirectly, by such Party or any agency or instrumentality thereof.]

²⁰ To be checked in connection with Lawyers Group definitions.

TAXATION

1. GENERAL EXCLUSION: INCOME TAX AND RELATED MEASURES

^{USA CDA}[a) Except as provided for in this Article, nothing in this Agreement shall apply to taxes on income or capital gains or on the taxable capital of corporations, including the Assets Tax established by the Assets Tax Law of Mexico.²¹

^{MEX}[b) Except as provided for in this Article, nothing in this agreement shall apply to taxes (other than tariffs or customs duties) of the Parties.²⁰

2. TAX CONVENTIONS

Without limiting the application of Paragraph 1, nothing in this Agreement shall affect the rights and obligations under any convention for the avoidance of double taxation (in this Article referred to as a "tax convention") or other international agreement or arrangement, or domestic legislation implementing such agreement or arrangement, related wholly or mainly to those taxes referred to in paragraph 1, and , in the event of an inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and a tax convention, the provisions of the tax convention shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

3. APPLICATIONS OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO TRADE IN GOODS TO INCOME TAX AND RELATED MEASURES

Subject to paragraph 2, ^{USA}[and except for any provisions of this Agreement imposing most favoured nation obligations], Article 401 of this Agreement incorporating by reference rights and obligations of the Parties relating to trade in goods under Article III of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and such other provisions of the Agreement as are necessary to give effect to Article 401, shall apply to taxes referred to in paragraph 1.

3.1 ^{USA}[APPLICATIONS OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO TRADE IN SERVICES TO INCOME TAX AND RELATED MEASURES

Subject to paragraph 2, the provisions of the Agreement

²¹ Provisions concerning forced repatriations in the transfers section vis-a-vis taxation are rendered redundant by reason of this provision.

relating to trade in services shall apply to provisions of taxes referred to in paragraph 1 that relate to the purchase or consumption of specified services other than

- a) provisions imposing most favoured nation obligations;
- b) a non-conforming provisions of any existing such taxation measure;
- c) the continuation or prompt renewal of a non-conforming provisions of any existing such taxation measure;
- d) an amendment to a non-conforming provision of any existing such taxation measure to the extent the amendment does not decrease its conformity with any of the provisions of this Agreement; or
- e) any new such taxation measure aimed at ensuring the equitable or effective imposition of collection of taxes except where the measure arbitrarily discriminates between persons of the Parties or arbitrarily restriction benefits accorded under this Agreement.]

3.2 ^{USA}[APPLICATIONS OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS TO INCOME TAX AND RELATED MEASURES

Subject to paragraph 2, the provisions of Article ____ of the Investment Chapter (performance requirements), shall apply to the taxes referred to in paragraph 1.

4. ^{CDA USA}[LIMITATION ON APPLICATION OF AGREEMENT TO STATE, PROVINCIAL OR LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAX AND RELATED MEASURES

With respect to state, provincial or local taxes other than those referred to in Paragraph 1, nothing in the Agreement, except for Article 401 incorporating by reference rights and obligations of the Parties relating to trade in goods under Article III of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and such other provisions of this Agreement as are necessary to give effect to Article 401, shall apply to

- a) a non-conforming provisions of any existing such taxation measure;
- b) the continuation or prompt renewal of a non-conforming provisions of any existing such taxation

measure;

c) an amendment to a non-conforming provision of any existing such taxation measure to the extent the amendment does not decrease its conformity with any of the provisions of this Agreement; or

e) any new such taxation measure aimed at ensuring the equitable or effective imposition of collection of taxes except where the measure arbitrarily discriminates between persons of the Parties or arbitrarily restriction benefits accorded under this Agreement

except that the most favoured nation provisions of the Agreement shall not apply to advantages with respect to taxation accorded by a Party pursuant to a tax convention or any other agreement or arrangement between two or more Parties, relating wholly or mainly to taxation.]

4.1 ^{MEX}[LIMITATION ON APPLICATION OF AGREEMENT TO STATE, PROVINCIAL OR LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAX AND RELATED MEASURES

Article 401 of this Agreement incorporating by reference rights and obligations of the Parties relating to trade in goods under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and such other provisions of this Agreement as are necessary to give effect to that Article, shall apply to taxes other than those referred to in paragraph 1, except that the most favoured nation provisions of the Agreement shall not apply to advantages with respect to taxation accorded by a party pursuant to a tax convention or any other agreement or arrangement between two or more parties, relating wholly or mainly to taxation.]

5. ^{CDA MEX}[Where, and only if, it has been determined pursuant to this paragraph by the Parties concerned that a taxation measure of a Party is tantamount to an expropriation or nationalization within the meaning of Article ____ of the Investment Chapter, that Article shall apply to a claim by a Party of an investor of such Party that the measure constitutes an expropriation or nationalization. The issue of whether the measure is tantamount to an expropriation or nationalization shall be referred, exclusively by the Parties concerned, for determination by the competent authorities under the tax convention, if any, between the Parties. If this is no such tax convention or if the competent authorities do not agree to consider the issue or, having agreed to

consider it, fail to resolve it within a period of six months after the referral, or such other period as may be agreed upon by the Parties, the issue of whether the measure is tantamount to an expropriation or nationalization shall be determined by the Parties under the appropriate dispute settlement provisions of the Investment Chapter.]²²

5.1 ^{USA}[EXPROPRIATION

A claim by a Party or an investor of such Party that a tax measure of another Party constitutes an expropriation shall be resolved under Article ____ of the Investment Chapter. The issue of whether such tax is discriminatory shall be referred for resolution to the competent authorities under a Tax Convention between the Parties. If the competent authorities do not agree to consider the issue, or having agreed to consider it, fail to resolve it within a reasonable period of time, the issue shall be resolved, together with all other issues of the expropriation, under Article ____ of the Investment Chapter.]

6. WITHHOLDING TAX

Without limiting the application of paragraphs 1, 3.1, 3.2, 4, and 4.1, (not all of these can co-exist) and for greater certainty, notwithstanding Article ____ (Transfers) a party may impose or collect a tax by withholding or other means.

²² A cross reference may be required in the expropriation provision of the Investment Chapter.