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Article 1

Definition and scope of protection

"Intellectual property protection" comprises in particular protection of copyright, including computer programmes and databases, as well as of neighbouring rights, trademarks for goods and services, geographical indications, including appellations of origin, industrial designs, patents, plant varieties, topographies of integrated circuits, as well as of undisclosed information.

Article 2

International conventions

1. The Parties to this Agreement shall comply with the obligations set out in the following multilateral agreements:

- WTO Agreement of 15 April 1994 on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement);
- Paris Convention of 20 March 1883 for the Protection of Industrial Property (Stockholm Act, 1967);
- Bern Convention of 9 September 1886 for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (Paris Act, 1971).

2. The Parties to this Agreement which are not Parties to one or more of the agreements listed below shall undertake to obtain their adherence to the following multilateral agreements before 1 January 2001:

- Protocol of 27 June 1989 relating to the Madrid Agreement concerning the International Registration of Marks;
- Budapest Treaty of 28 April 1977 on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Micro-organisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure;

3. The Parties to this Agreement which are not Parties to the International Convention of 2 December 1961 for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV Convention), shall undertake to obtain their adherence thereto before 1 January 2002.

4. The Parties to this Agreement agree to promptly hold expert consultations, upon request of any Party, on activities relating to the identified or to future international conventions on harmonization, administration and enforcement of intellectual property rights and on activities in international organizations, such as the WTO and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), as well as relations of the Parties with third countries on matters concerning intellectual property.

Article 3

Additional substantive standards

The Parties to this Agreement shall ensure in their national laws at least the following:

- adequate and effective protection of copyright, including computer programmes and compilations of data, as well as of neighbouring rights;
- adequate and effective protection of trademarks, including collective marks, for goods and services, in particular of well-known trademarks;
- adequate and effective protection of industrial designs by providing in particular a period of protection of five years from the date of application with a possibility of renewal for two consecutive periods of five years each;
- adequate and effective patent protection for inventions in all fields of technology on a level similar to that prevailing in the European Patent Convention of 5 October 1973, as well as, before 1 January 2002, additional protection of up to five years for pharmaceutical and plant protection products;
- adequate and effective protection of undisclosed information;
- compulsory licensing of patents shall only be granted under the conditions of Article 31 of the TRIPS Agreement. Licences granted on the grounds of non-working shall be used only to the extent necessary to satisfy the domestic market on reasonable commercial terms;
- adequate and effective means to protect geographical indications, including appellations of origin, with regard to all products and services;
- adequate and effective protection of topographies of integrated circuits.

Article 4

Acquisition and maintenance of intellectual property rights

Where the acquisition of an intellectual property right is subject to the right being granted or registered, the Parties to this Agreement shall ensure that the procedures for grant or registration are of the same level as that provided in the TRIPS Agreement, in particular Article 62.

Article 5

Enforcement of intellectual property rights

The Parties to this Agreement shall provide for enforcement provisions under their national laws of the same level as that provided in the TRIPS Agreement, in particular Articles 41 to 61.
