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1. The Sub-Committee shall exchange information, review developments, share best practices, prepare and co-ordinate positions, prepare technical amendments and assist the Joint Committee regarding:
 - (a) rules of origin and methods of administrative co-operation as set out in Article 2.3 (Rules of Origin and Methods of Administrative Cooperation) of the Agreement and Annex I (Rules of Origin and Methods of Administrative Cooperation);
 - (b) trade facilitation as set out in Article 2.13 (Trade Facilitation) of the Agreement and Annex VI (Trade Facilitation);
 - (c) mutual administrative assistance in customs matters as set out in Article 2.14 (Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters) of the Agreement and Annex VII (Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters); and
 - (d) other matters that are referred to the Sub-Committee by the Joint Committee.
 2. The Sub-Committee shall be chaired jointly by a representative of an EFTA State and by a representative of Turkey.
 3. 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 as set out in paragraph 1. The Sub-Committee shall act by consensus.
 4. The Sub-Committee shall meet as often as required. It may be convened by the Joint Committee or upon request of any Party. The venue shall alternate between an EFTA State and Turkey.
 5. The Party hosting the meeting shall, in consultations with the other Parties, prepare a provisional agenda which, as a general rule, shall be forwarded to the Parties not later than two weeks before the meeting.
 6. The Parties shall exchange names and addresses of contact points regarding matters falling under the scope of the functions of the Sub-Committee.
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