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1. The Parties hereby establish a Sub-Committee on Trade in Goods (the Sub-Committee) comprising representatives of each Party.
2. The Sub-Committee may consider matters arising under Chapter 2 (Trade in Goods) of the Agreement, including its Annexes.
3. The Sub-Committee shall:
 - (a) monitor and review measures taken and implementation of commitments;
 - (b) exchange information and review developments;
 - (c) prepare technical amendments, including HS updates, and assist the Joint Committee;
 - (d) address any non-tariff measure which may restrict trade in goods between the Parties and, if appropriate, refer such matters to the Joint Committee for its consideration;
 - (e) evaluate the development of trade between the Parties and the impact of the Agreement on each Party and recommend any appropriate action to the Joint Committee;
 - (f) carry out other functions with respect to trade in goods that are referred to the Sub-Committee by the Joint Committee; and
 - (g) make recommendations and report to the Joint Committee as necessary.
4. The Sub-Committee shall act by consensus. When differences in the interpretation of the provisions of Chapter 2 (Trade in Goods) of the Agreement, including its Annexes arise between the Parties they shall endeavour to reach mutually satisfactory solutions.
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, by the chairperson of the Sub-Committee or on 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 mutually agree to hold a Sub-Committee meeting by electronic means of communication.

6. The meetings of the Sub-Committee shall be chaired by a representative of an EFTA State or Ecuador for an agreed period of time. A provisional agenda for each meeting shall be prepared by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee in consultation with the other Parties, and forwarded to them, as a general rule 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 chairperson shall report at the following meeting of the Joint Committee.
