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CHAPTER 20

FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 20.1

Annexes, Appendices and footnotes

The Annexes, Appendices and footnotes to this Agreement constitute integral parts thereof.

ARTICLE 20.2

Private rights

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as directly conferring rights or imposing obligations on any persons other than the Parties, or as allowing this Agreement to be directly invoked in a Party's legal system.

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2. A Party shall not provide for a right of action under its law against the other Party on the ground that a measure of the other Party is inconsistent with this Agreement.

ARTICLE 20.3

Fulfilment of obligations

1. Each Party shall take the measures required to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement so as to ensure that the objectives set out in this Agreement are attained.

2. The Parties recall the obligations set out in Article 1(1) of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of India on partnership and development, done at Brussels on 20 December 1993. These obligations constitute essential elements of this Agreement.

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ARTICLE 20.4

General review

1. The Joint Committee shall undertake a general review of this Agreement, with a view to furthering its objectives, within five years of the date of entry into force of this Agreement and thereafter every five years, or at such times as may be agreed by the Parties.
2. A review pursuant to paragraph 1 shall take into account:
 - (a) the objective of further liberalising market access conditions;
 - (b) that mutually beneficial outcomes flow from the implementation and overall operation of this Agreement;
 - (c) the work of relevant specialised committees or other bodies established under this Agreement, including reviews under relevant Chapters; and
 - (d) any other matters as may be agreed by the Parties.

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ARTICLE 20.5

Amendments

1. The Parties may amend this Agreement by written agreement.
2. Amendments referred to in paragraph 1 shall enter into force in accordance with Article 20.6 (Entry into force), *mutatis mutandis*.
3. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, the Joint Committee may adopt decisions to amend this Agreement as provided for in point (d) of Article 18.2(2) (Functions of the Joint Committee). The decision of the Joint Committee shall specify the date of entry into force of the amendments.

ARTICLE 20.6

Entry into force

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which the Parties have exchanged written notifications confirming that they have completed their respective internal legal procedures necessary for that purpose. The Parties may agree on another date of entry into force of this Agreement.

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2. The notifications referred to in paragraph 1 shall be sent, for the European Union, to the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union and, for India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

ARTICLE 20.7

Future accessions to the European Union

1. The European Union shall notify India of any request for accession of a third country to the European Union.
2. During the negotiations between the European Union and a third country referred to in paragraph 1, the European Union shall:
 - (a) on request of India and, to the extent possible, provide any information regarding any matter covered by this Agreement; and
 - (b) take into account any concerns expressed by India.

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3. The European Union shall notify India of the date of the signature and of the entry into force of any agreement concerning the accession of a third country to the European Union.
4. The Joint Committee shall examine any effects of accession of a third country to the European Union on this Agreement sufficiently in advance of the date of such accession.
5. To the extent necessary, the Parties shall, before the date of entry into force of the agreement on the accession of a third country to the European Union:
 - (a) amend this Agreement in accordance with Article 20.5 (Amendments); or
 - (b) put in place by decision of the Joint Committee any other necessary adjustments or transitional arrangements regarding this Agreement.

ARTICLE 20.8

Termination

1. This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period, unless terminated by a Party.

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2. A Party may notify the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement. The notification shall be sent, for the European Union, to the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union and, for India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The termination shall take effect six months after the date of delivery of the notification, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

ARTICLE 20.9

Authentic texts

This Agreement is drawn in duplicate and is authentic in the language in which it was negotiated.