IX FINAL CLAUSES

ARTICLE 79 Transparency

1. The Parties shall publish their laws, or otherwise make publicly available their laws, regulations, procedures and administrative rulings and judicial decisions of general application as well as the international agreements which may affect the operation of the Agreement.

2. The Parties shall promptly respond to specific questions and provide, upon request, information to each other on matters referred to in paragraph 1.

ARTICLE 80 Annexes

The Annexes and Appendices thereto constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 81 Amendments

1. Amendments to this Agreement shall after approval by the Joint Committee be submitted to the Parties for ratification, acceptance or approval, subject to each Parties constitutional requirements.

2. Unless the Joint Committee decides otherwise, the amendments shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of the last instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.

3. The text of the amendments as well as the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depositary.

ARTICLE 82 Additional Parties

Any State may, upon invitation by the Joint Committee, become a Party to this Agreement. The terms and conditions of the participation by the additional Party shall be the subject of an agreement between the Parties and the invited State.

ARTICLE 83 Withdrawal and termination

1. Any Party to this Agreement may withdraw therefrom by means of a written notification to the Depositary. The withdrawal shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month after the date on which the notification was received by the Depositary.

2. If one of the EFTA States withdraws from this Agreement, a meeting of the remaining Parties shall be convened to discuss the issue of the continued existence of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 84 Entry into force

1. This Agreement is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval. The instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depositary.

2. This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 July 2001 in relation to those Signatory States which by then have deposited their instruments of ratification or acceptance with the Depositary, provided that Mexico is among the States that have deposited their instruments of ratification or acceptance.
3. In relation to a Signatory State depositing its instrument of ratification or acceptance after 1 July 2001, this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of its instrument, provided that in relation to Mexico this Agreement enters into force at the latest on the same date.

4. Any Party may, if its constitutional requirements permit, apply this Agreement provisionally during an initial period starting on 1 July 2001. Provisional application of this Agreement shall be notified to the Depositary.

ARTICLE 85 Depositary

The Government of Norway shall act as Depositary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Mexico City, this 27th day of November 2000, in two original copies in the English and the Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of conflict the English version shall prevail. One original for each language shall be deposited with the Government of Norway.