

## **CHAPTER 17**

### **TRADE AND GENDER**

#### **Article 17.1: General Provisions**

1. The Parties acknowledge the importance of incorporating a gender perspective into the promotion of inclusive economic growth, and the key role that gender-responsive policies can play in achieving sustainable socioeconomic development. Inclusive economic growth aims to distribute benefits among the entire population by providing equitable opportunities for the participation of women and men in business, industry and the labour market.
2. The Parties acknowledge that international trade and investment are engines of economic growth, and that improving women's access to opportunities and removing barriers enhance their participation in national and international economies and substantially contribute to sustainable economic development.

#### **Article 17.2: Cooperation Activities**

1. The Parties acknowledge the benefit of sharing their respective experiences in designing, implementing, monitoring and strengthening policies and programs to encourage women's participation in national and international economies.
2. Accordingly, the Parties also recognise the importance of cooperation activities aimed at improving the capacity and conditions for women, including workers, businesswomen and entrepreneurs, to access and fully benefit from the opportunities created by this Agreement.

#### **Article 17.3: Administration of this Chapter**

Matters relating to administration of this Chapter shall be considered by the Parties through the Other Issues Committee established under Article 22.5(c) (Establishment of Cross-Cutting Committees).

#### **Article 17.4: Non-application of Dispute Resolution**

No Party shall have recourse to dispute settlement under Chapter 23 (Dispute Settlement) for any matter arising under this Chapter.