

CHAPTER 21

TRADE AND WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

ARTICLE 21.1

Women and the economy

1. The Parties recognise the importance of enhancing opportunities for women within their territories, including workers and business owners, to participate equitably in the domestic and global economy.
2. The Parties further recognise the benefit of sharing their diverse experiences in designing, implementing and strengthening programmes to reduce the systemic barriers which may exist for women in international trade and which prevent them from participating equitably in the domestic and global economy.

ARTICLE 21.2

Cooperation activities

The Parties shall consider undertaking cooperation activities aimed at enhancing the ability of women, including workers and business owners, to fully access and benefit from the opportunities created by this Agreement. These activities may include providing advice or training, and exchanging information and experience on:

- (a) programmes aimed at improving the access of women to markets, technology and financing;
- (b) development of women's leadership and business networks;

- (c) identification of best practices related to workplace flexibility; and
- (d) activities related to the Joint Declaration on Trade and Women's Economic Empowerment on the Occasion of the WTO Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires in December 2017.

ARTICLE 21.3

Working Group on Trade and Women's Economic Empowerment

1. The Working Group on Trade and Women's Economic Empowerment established pursuant to Article 23.4 shall be responsible for furthering shared objectives of enhancing the ability of women to fully access and benefit from the opportunities created by trade, for implementing cooperation activities referred to in Article 21.2, ensuring that the development of such activities is carried out with the inclusive participation of women, and for providing opportunity for monitoring and review as may be agreed by the Parties.
2. The Working Group on Trade and Women's Economic Empowerment shall meet at such times and venues, or by such means, as may be agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 21.4

Dispute settlement

The provisions of this Chapter shall not be subject to dispute settlement under Chapter 22.