JOINT DECLARATIONS I TO XV OF THE DECISION OF THE EC-MEXICO JOINT COUNCIL (*)

Joint Declaration XII concerning Articles 8 and 9 of the Decision

In drawing up the trade components of the Decision, the Parties have examined on a case-by-case basis the potential impact of export refund mechanisms on the process of trade liberalisation, therefore:

Notwithstanding Article 8 (Customs duties on imports originating in Mexico), the reductions in customs duties set out in that Article shall only apply to exports of Mexican origin to the Community not receiving export subsidies.

Notwithstanding Article 9 (Customs duties on imports originating in the Community), the reduction in customs duties set out in that Article for the products under Community tariff codes 1509 10, 1509 90, 1510 00, 1517 10, 1517 90 02, 1517 90 99, 2204 10, 2204 21, 2204 29, 2207, 2208 20, 2208 90 91, 2208 90 99, 2905 43, 2905 44, 3502 20, 3505 10 50, 3505 20, 3809 10 and 3824 60 shall only apply to exports of Community origin to Mexico not receiving export refunds as these are understood in the Community's export refund system as set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/1999 of 15 April 1999.

Joint Declaration XIII concerning Article 15 of the Decision

The Community and Mexico shall only apply safeguard measures between themselves in accordance with the provisions of this Decision.

Joint Declaration XIV concerning alternative dispute resolution

1. The Parties shall, to the maximum extent possible, encourage, and facilitate the use of arbitration and other means of alternative dispute resolution of the settlement of international commercial disputes between private parties in the free trade area.
2. The Parties confirm the importance they attach to the 1958 United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.

Joint Declaration XV by the Community and Mexico

The Community and Mexico confirm that references in this Decision to a Party, apply, with respect to the Community, to the outermost regions, which are part of its territory.

(*) Joint Declarations I to XI will be published in the Official Journal as soon as possible.