

Article 16
Special and Differential Treatment for the new ASEAN
Member Countries

In order to increase benefit for the new ASEAN Member Countries in participating in this Agreement, and in accordance with the objectives set out in the Preamble to this Agreement and in the Framework Agreement, a special and differential treatment shall be accorded to these Countries, to the extent possible, through:

- (a) access to information on the investment policies of other Parties, business information, relevant databases and contact point for investment promotion;
- (b) technical assistance to strengthen their capacity in relation to investment policies and promotion including in areas such as human resource development;
- (c) commitments in areas of interest to the new ASEAN Member Countries; and
- (d) recognising that commitments by each new ASEAN Member Country can be made in line with its respective development policies and strategies.