

ANNEX 8

Policy on Scheduling of Sub-fora Operations to Enhance Effectiveness

To the maximum extent possible and as long as the host economy is willing, sub-fora meetings should be held at the same time and at the same venue as the major SOM meetings. In the event that chairs of sub-fora consider it necessary to hold meetings with different schedules or outside the host economy for reasons that they judge will improve their effectiveness, they should consult with chairs of the committee to which they report and seek authorization based on the justification they provide. Should chairs of the relevant committees concur with such a request, they should seek further guidance from Senior Officials. Chairs of sub-fora meetings which are already scheduled for 2011 outside of the SOMs are authorized to meet according to their existing schedules but should follow this procedure in arranging for future meetings, and seek opportunities to increase interaction with and oversight by Senior Officials.