

Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community

PART SIX

INSTITUTIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

TITLE II

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 164

Joint Committee

1 A Joint Committee, comprising representatives of the Union and of the United Kingdom, is hereby established. The Joint Committee shall be co-chaired by the Union and the United Kingdom.

2 The Joint Committee shall meet at the request of the Union or the United Kingdom, and in any event shall meet at least once a year. The Joint Committee shall set its meeting schedule and its agenda by mutual consent. The work of the Joint Committee shall be governed by the rules of procedure set out in Annex VIII to this Agreement.

3 The Joint Committee shall be responsible for the implementation and application of this Agreement. The Union and the United Kingdom may each refer to the Joint Committee any issue relating to the implementation, application and interpretation of this Agreement.

4 The Joint Committee shall:

- a supervise and facilitate the implementation and application of this Agreement;
- b decide on the tasks of the specialised committees and supervise their work;
- c seek appropriate ways and methods of preventing problems that might arise in areas covered by this Agreement or of resolving disputes that may arise regarding the interpretation and application of this Agreement;
- d consider any matter of interest relating to an area covered by this Agreement;
- e adopt decisions and make recommendations as set out in Article 166; and
- f adopt amendments to this Agreement in the cases provided for in this Agreement.

5 The Joint Committee may:

- a delegate responsibilities to specialised committees, except those responsibilities referred to in points (b), (e) and (f) of paragraph 4;
- b establish specialised committees other than those established by Article 165, in order to assist the Joint Committee in the performance of its tasks;
- c change the tasks assigned to specialised committees and dissolve any of those committees;
- d except in relation to Parts One, Four and Six, until the end of the fourth year following the end of the transition period, adopt decisions amending this Agreement, provided that such amendments are necessary to correct errors, to address omissions or other

- deficiencies, or to address situations unforeseen when this Agreement was signed, and provided that such decisions may not amend the essential elements of this Agreement;
 - e adopt amendments to the rules of procedure set out in Annex VIII; and
 - f take such other actions in the exercise of its functions as decided by the Union and the United Kingdom.
- 6 The Joint Committee shall issue an annual report on the functioning of this Agreement.