

PART III. Scope of the JKFTA

(3) Dispute Settlement

164. There was a mutual agreement on the importance of instituting transparent, simplified and clear dispute settlement procedures so as to reduce administrative costs and prevent avoidable conflicts that may arise from ambiguity of the procedures.

165. The Korean side proposed a set of directions for the dispute settlement procedures in the JKFTA by weighing against comparable provisions in the KCFTA and JSEPA. First, the scope of the dispute settlement would include both violation and non-violation disputes. Unlike the JSEPA, the procedures of consultations would be single channeled with more simplified provisions on panel composition and drawing up the roster of panelists. An interim report may be presented prior to the issuance of the final report. The Japanese side looked forward to in-depth discussions on this issue in the future.