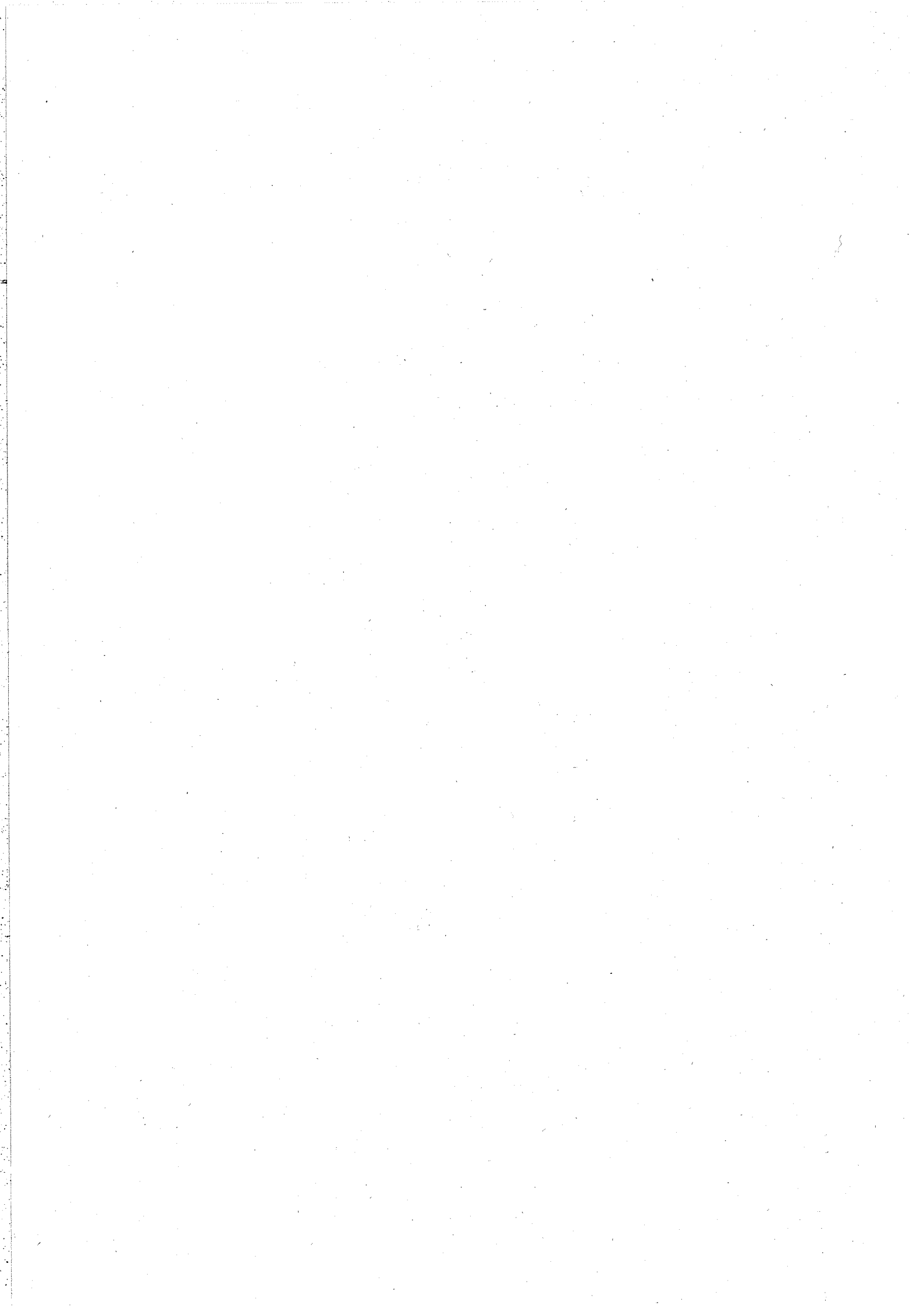


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FOR AN ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

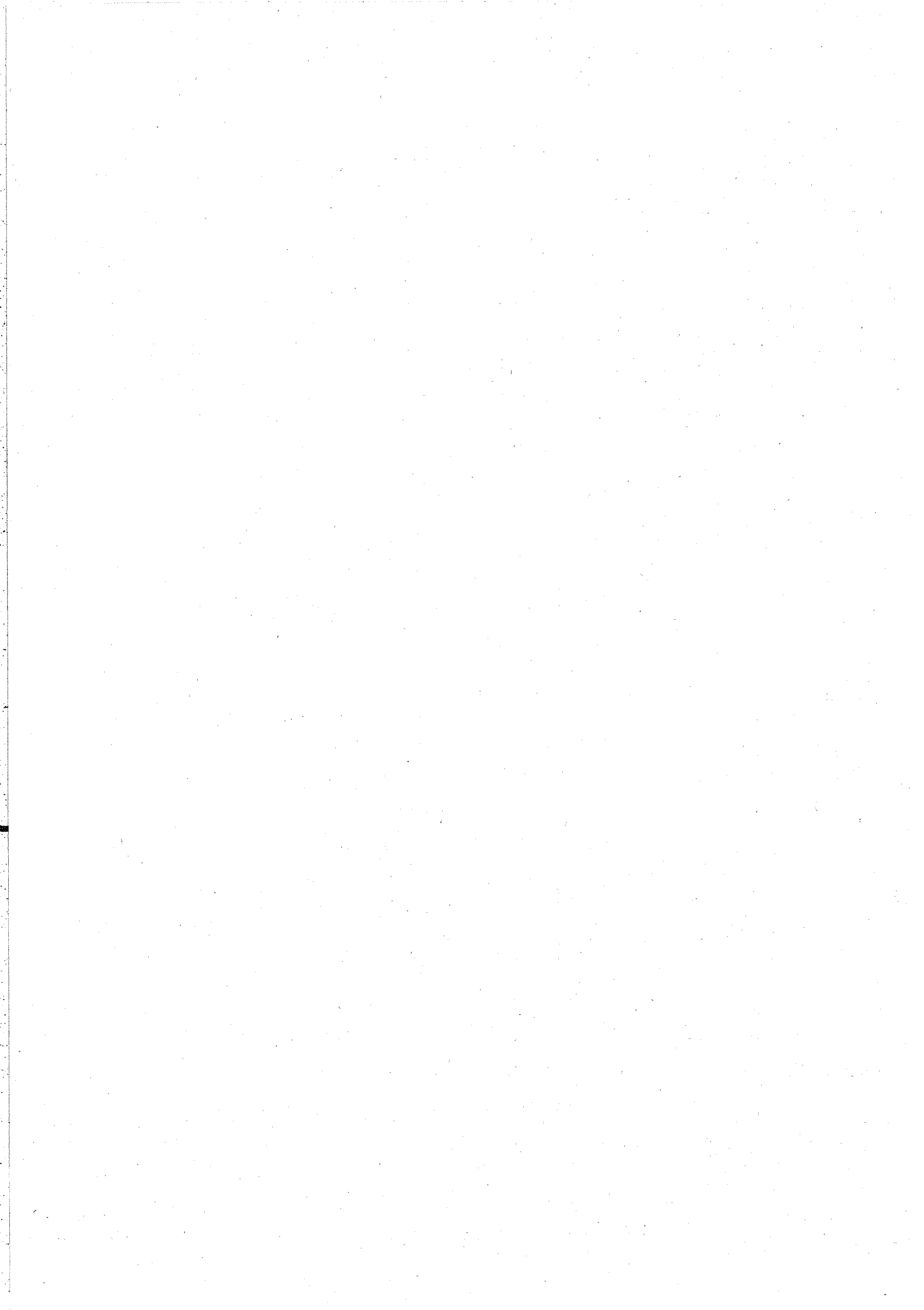
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2. Nothing in this Chapter shall prevent the Parties from seeking or providing assistance to one another pursuant to other bilateral or multilateral agreements or arrangements.

3. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prejudice the policy or legal position of either Party regarding any issues related to jurisdiction.

4. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to affect the rights and obligations of either Party under other international agreements or arrangements or under its laws.

Chapter 11
Improvement of the Business Environment

Article 105
Basic Principles

Each Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, take appropriate measures to further improve the business environment for the persons of the other Party conducting their business activities in the former Party.

Article 106
Government Procurement

Recognizing the importance of enhancing efficiency of its government procurement in improving the business environment in the Party, each Party, subject to its laws and regulations, policies, and practices on government procurement shall endeavor to:

- (a) enhance transparency of the measures regarding government procurement; and
- (b) implement in a fair and effective manner the measures regarding government procurement.

Article 107
Sub-Committee on Improvement of the Business Environment

1. For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, the Sub-Committee on Improvement of the Business Environment (hereinafter referred to in this Chapter as "the Sub-Committee") shall be established pursuant to Article 11.

2. The functions of the Sub-Committee shall be:

- (a) reviewing findings reported by a Liaison Office on Improvement of the Business Environment (hereinafter referred to in this Chapter as the "Liaison Office") to be designated by each Party under Article 109;

