

Section 5: Institutional requirements

Article 24: Institutions of the Agreement

1. The Foreign Ministers' Committee

- a) A committee of foreign ministers of the Member Countries of the agreement shall be instituted, which shall be concerned with defining the policy measures need to drive forward and expand the Agadir process amongst the Arab Mediterranean countries, and between them and the European Union.
- b) The Foreign Ministers' Committee will meet annually, or as often as necessary, at the initiative of any of the Member Countries, in accordance with the Committee's internal rules of procedure, which it shall establish in accordance with paragraph (d) of this Article.
- c) The presidency of this committee shall be assumed in rotation between the Member Countries, in alphabetical order, and the provisions of the committee's internal rules of procedure.
- d) The Foreign Minister's Committee may set up a committee at the level of senior officials to present its recommendations to the ministerial committee.
- e) The Foreign Minister's Committee shall, upon its establishment, approve its internal rules of procedure, and those of the Senior Officials' Committee.

2. The Committee of Foreign Trade Ministers

- a) A ministerial committee shall be set up at the level of ministers responsible for foreign trade, and shall meet at least annually, or whenever the circumstances require, at the initiative of any one the Member Countries, in accordance with the Committee's internal rules of procedure.
- b) The committee shall be concerned with for supervising the implementation of the Agreement, and with overcoming and difficulties impeding progress, and with defining ways of deepening co-operation and integration between the parties to the Agreement. The committee shall study general questions relating to the Agreement, and any other aspects of joint concern, and shall have power of decision in this respect.
- c) The presidency of this committee shall be assumed in rotation between the Member Countries, in alphabetical order, and the provisions of the committee's internal rules of procedure as specified in paragraph (f) of this Article.
- d) The committee's decisions shall be considered binding for all the Member Countries who may be required to take steps to ensure their implementation.
- e) The Ministerial Committee shall form a technical committee charged with follow-up on the implementation of the agreement, which shall submit its recommendations to the Ministerial Committee. The Ministerial Committee may decide to delegate a part of its responsibilities to the technical committee.
- f) The Ministerial Committee shall adopt its internal rules of procedure, and those of the technical committee.

Article 25: Tasks of the Foreign Trade Ministers' Committee

The Foreign Trade Ministers' Committee shall in particular undertake the following tasks:

- Overall review and performance assessment as regards the implementation of the Agreement.
- Review and assessment of the results of the Agreement in the light of the experience gained through its implementation, and examination of the means to improve the relations between the Member Countries.
- Assistance in avoiding disputes and their resolution through consultations on the basis of Article 28.
- Examination of proposed modifications to the Agreement, and approval of such modifications, observing the legal requirements of each of the parties.

This committee may form permanent or specialized committees or working groups, and may delegate to them any of its competences. The Ministerial Committee shall establish its internal rules of procedure, and shall take all decisions by unanimous agreement.

Article 26: Tasks of the Technical Committee

The Technical Committee shall undertake such tasks as may be entrusted to it by the Foreign Trade Ministers' Committee, and in particular the following tasks:

- Follow up on the implementation of the provisions of the agreement.
- Follow up on decisions of the Foreign Trade Ministers' Committee.
- Offering assistance to resolution of disputes, on the basis of Article 28 of this Agreement.

Article 27: The Technical Unit

A Technical Unit shall be set up through this agreement, to deal with matters pertaining to it. It shall in particular offer advice and technical support on all matters concerning the implementation of the Agreement, in accordance with Annex No. III.

Section 6: General provisions and concluding requirements

Article 28: Resolution of disputes

The Member Countries shall consult and co-operate in the application of this Agreement, in order to achieve a concurrence of views on any matters which might have an impact upon the good implementation of the Agreement, and on any measures taken, or which may be taken