

## **CHAPTER THIRTEEN**

### **CO-OPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY**

#### **ARTICLE 106**

#### ***Scope of Co-operation***

1. The Member States recognise that a secure supply of energy at competitive prices is a pre-condition for economic development and that to ensure competitively priced supplies of energy to all the Member States requires both the development of local or renewable energy resources and the rational management of existing resources.
2. For the purposes of paragraph 1 of this Article, the Member States undertake to co-operate in the joint development and utilisation of energy resources including hydro, fossil and bio-mass and shall, in particular, co-operate in the:
  - (a) joint exploration and exploitation of hydro and fossil fuel;
  - (b) creation of more favourable investment climate to encourage public and private investment in this sub-sector;

- (c) encouragement of joint utilisation of training and research utilities;
- (d) exchange of information on energy systems and investment opportunities; and
- (e) development of research programmes on renewable energy systems.

## **ARTICLE 107**

### ***Trade in Energy Resources***

1. The Member States agree to develop a mechanism for facilitating trade in energy fuels, such as coal, natural gas, petroleum and electricity.
2. For the purposes of paragraph 1 of this Article, the Member States agree to co-operate in:
  - (a) joint procurement of products; and
  - (b) interconnecting national electricity grids.

## **ARTICLE 108**

### ***Efficient Use of Energy in Transport***

The Member States shall develop a common strategy in the

more efficient use of energy in the transport sector such as the use of fuel efficient vehicles, the diversion of traffic to energy saving transport systems such as railways and water transport, the use of buses and urban mass transport facilities and the mixing of any imported fuel with local substitutes.

## ***ARTICLE 109***

### ***International Agreements***

The Member States undertake to accede to international agreements that are designed to improve the management of energy resources, develop new renewable energy resources and coordinate the exchange of information on energy resources.