

CHAPTER THIRTY-TWO

IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

ARTICLE 173

Scope of Co-operation

1. The Member States agree that the implementation of the provisions of this Treaty shall be prioritized on the basis of comprehensive and measurable programmes with clear implementation targets and effective evaluation mechanisms.
2. Subject to the provisions of this Treaty, the Secretariat shall be responsible for following up and monitoring the implementation by the Member States of the provisions of this Treaty and the regulations made, directives issued, recommendations made and decisions taken and opinions delivered by the Council.
3. The Secretary-General shall, within twelve months from the entry into force of this Treaty, submit to the Council a comprehensive and measurable implementation programme with clear targets.
4. The time-table of implementation shall be divided into

stages of two years each starting from the date of the entry into force of this Treaty and shall show a set of actions to be initiated and carried through concurrently.

5. The transition from one stage of implementation to the next shall be conditional upon a finding that the objectives specifically laid down in the time-table for that stage have been substantially attained and that the obligations have been fulfilled.
6. The findings shall be made at the end of the year of the time indicated in the time-table for that stage by the Council acting on reports prepared by the Secretariat and on the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee.
7. In the event that there is a deadlock in the decision to move on to the next stage, the current stage shall be automatically extended for a period of one year.
8. At the end of the year the Council shall make its finding acting on the reports of the Secretariat and the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee.
9. In the event that the Council fails to reach a decision, it shall refer the matter to the Authority for its decision

which shall be final and binding on all the Member States and on the organs of the Common Market.

10. A Member State may not rely on the non-fulfillment of its own obligations to prevent a decision from being taken or to reserve its position.