

CHAPTER TWENTY ONE

HEALTH, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

ARTICLE 117

Scope of Co-operation

In order to promote the achievement of the objectives of the Community as set out in Article 5 of this Treaty, the Partner States undertake to co-operate in health, cultural and sports and social welfare activities within the Community.

ARTICLE 118

Health

With respect to co-operation in health activities, the Partner States undertake to:

- (a) take joint action towards the prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases and to control pandemics and epidemics of communicable and vector-borne diseases such as HIV-AIDS, cholera, malaria, hepatitis and yellow fever that might endanger the health and welfare of the residents of the Partner States, and to co-operate in facilitating mass immunization and other public health community campaigns;
- (b) promote the management of health delivery systems and better planning mechanisms to enhance efficiency of health care services within the Partner States;
- (c) develop a common drug policy which would include establishing quality control capacities and good procurement practices;
- (d) harmonise drug registration procedures so as to achieve good control of pharmaceutical standards without impeding or obstructing the movement of pharmaceutical products within the Community;
- (e) harmonise national health policies and regulations and promote the exchange of information on health issues in order to achieve quality health within the Community;
- (f) co-operate in promoting research and the development of traditional, alternate or herbal medicines;

- (g) co-operate in the development of specialised health training, health research, reproductive health, the pharmaceutical products and preventive medicine;
- (h) promote the development of good nutritional standards and the popularisation of indigenous foods; and
- (i) develop a common approach through the education of the general public and their law enforcement agencies for the control and eradication of the trafficking and consumption of illicit or banned drugs.

ARTICLE 119

Culture and Sports

The Partner States shall promote close co-operation amongst themselves in culture and sports, with respect to:

- (a) the promotion and enhancement of diverse sports activities;
- (b) the development of mass media programmes on matters that will promote the development of culture and sports within the Community;
- (c) the promotion of cultural activities, including the fine arts, literature, music, the performing arts and other artistic creations, and the conservation, safeguarding and development of the cultural heritage of the Partner States including, historical materials and antiquities;
- (d) the development and promotion of indigenous languages especially Kiswahili as a lingua franca;
- (e) the regulation of cross border trade in ethnographic materials, licensing of antique dealers and adoption of a common approach and co-operation in tackling the illicit cross border trade in cultural property;
- (f) acceding to and ratification of international conventions that directly bear upon culture such as:
 - (i) the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict; and
 - (ii) the UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibition and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property;

- (g) harmonising their policies for the conservation of their national antiquities and museums and the prevention of illegal trade in cultural property; and
- (h) any other activities aimed at promoting an East African identity.

ARTICLE 120

Social Welfare

The Partner States undertake to closely co-operate amongst themselves in the field of social welfare with respect to:

- (a) employment, poverty alleviation programmes and working conditions;
- (b) vocational training and the eradication of adult illiteracy in the Community; and
- (c) the development and adoption of a common approach towards the disadvantaged and marginalised groups, including children, the youth, the elderly and persons with disabilities through rehabilitation and provision of, among others, foster homes, health care education and training.