

CHAPTER XV: DISPUTES

Article 76

Settlement of Disputes

1. Any dispute regarding the interpretation or the application of the provisions of this Treaty shall be amicably settled through direct agreement without prejudice to the provisions of this Treaty and relevant Protocols.
2. Failing this, either party or any other Member States or the Authority may refer the matter to the Court of the Community whose decision shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.

CHAPTER XVI: SANCTIONS

Article 77

Sanctions Applicable for Non-Fulfilment of Obligations

1. Where a Member State fails to fulfil its obligations to the Community, the Authority may decide to impose sanctions on that Member State.
2. These sanctions may include:
 - (i) suspension of new Community loans or assistance;
 - (ii) suspension of disbursement on-going Community projects or assistance programmes;
 - (iii) exclusion from presenting candidates for statutory and professional posts;
 - (iv) suspension voting rights; and
 - (v) suspension from participating in the activities of the Community.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article, the Authority may suspend the application of the provisions of the said Article if it is satisfied on the basis of a well supported and detailed report prepared by an independent body and submitted through the Executive Secretary, that the non-fulfilment of its obligations is due to causes and circumstances beyond the control of the said Member State;
4. The Authority shall decide on the modalities for the application of this Article.