Respect for the democratic principles and fundamental human rights established by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights shall inspire the domestic and international policies of the Parties and shall constitute an essential element of this Agreement.

# TITLE I

## POLITICAL DIALOGUE

#### ARTICLE 3

- 1. A regular political and security dialogue shall be established between the Parties. It shall help build lasting links of solidarity between the partners which will contribute to the prosperity, stability and security of the Mediterranean region and bring about a climate of understanding and tolerance between cultures.
- 2. Political dialogue and cooperation are intended in particular to:
- (a) facilitate rapprochement between the Parties through the development of better mutual understanding and regular coordination on international issues of common interest;
- (b) enable each party to consider the position and interests of the other;
- (c) contribute to consolidating security and stability in the Euro-Mediterranean region;
- (d) help develop joint initiatives.

#### ARTICLE 4

Political dialogue shall cover all issues of common interest to the Parties, in particular the conditions required to ensure peace, security and regional development through support for cooperation.

#### ARTICLE 5

Political dialogue shall be established at regular intervals and whenever necessary notably:

- (a) at ministerial level, mainly in the framework of the Association Council;
- (b) at the level of senior officials representing Algeria, on the one hand, and the Council Presidency and the Commission on the other;
- (c) taking full advantage of all diplomatic channels including regular briefings, consultations on the occasion of international meetings and contacts between diplomatic representatives in third countries;
- (d) where appropriate, by any other means which would contribute to consolidating dialogue and increasing its effectiveness.

## TITLE II

# FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS

#### ARTICLE 6

The Community and Algeria shall gradually establish a free-trade area over a transitional period lasting a maximum of twelve years starting from the date of the entry into force of this Agreement in accordance with the following provisions and in conformity with those of the 1994 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the other multilateral agreements on trade in goods annexed to the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation (WTO), hereinafter referred to as "GATT".

# CHAPTER 1 INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS