

(b) eliminating illicit consumption of such products.

2. The Parties shall determine together, in accordance with their respective laws, the strategies and cooperation methods appropriate for attaining these objectives. Their operations, other than joint operations, shall be the subject of consultation and close coordination. Such action may involve the appropriate public and private sector institutions and international organisations, in collaboration with the Government of Algeria and the relevant authorities in the Community and the Member States.

3. Cooperation shall take the following forms in particular:

(a) establishment or extension of social and health institutions and information centres for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts;

(b) the implementation of prevention, information, training and epidemiological research projects;

(c) the establishment of standards for preventing diversion of precursors and other essential ingredients for the illicit manufacture of narcotics and psychotropic substances, which are equivalent to those adopted by the Community and the appropriate international authorities;

(d) support for the creation of special anti-drug trafficking services.

4. Both Parties shall encourage cooperation at regional and sub-regional level.

ARTICLE 90

Fight against terrorism

In accordance with the international conventions to which they are party and with their respective laws and regulations, both Parties agree to cooperate with a view to preventing and penalising acts of terrorism:

– through the implementation in its entirety of United Nations Security Council resolution 1373 and other related resolutions;

– through the exchange of information on terrorist groups and their support networks in accordance with international and national law;

– by pooling experience of means and practices for combating terrorism, including experience in the technical and training fields.

ARTICLE 91

Fight against corruption

1. The Parties agree to cooperate, on the basis of the relevant international legal instruments, on action to combat corruption in international business transactions:

– by taking effective practical measures against all forms of corruption, bribery and illicit activities of every sort in international business transactions practised by individuals or corporate bodies;

– by providing mutual assistance in criminal investigations into acts of corruption.

2. Cooperation shall also cover technical assistance for the training of officials and magistrates responsible for tackling corruption and support for initiatives designed to organise action against this form of crime.

TITLE IX

INSTITUTIONAL, GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 92

An Association Council is hereby established which shall meet at ministerial level once a year, where possible, on the initiative of its Chair and in accordance with the conditions laid down in its rules of procedure. It shall examine any major issues arising within the framework of this Agreement and any other bilateral or international issues of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 93

1. The Association Council shall consist of the members of the Council of the European Union and members of the Commission of the European Communities, on the one hand, and of members of the Government of Algeria, on the other.
2. Members of the Association Council may arrange to be represented in accordance with the provisions laid down in its rules of procedure.
3. The Association Council shall establish its rules of procedure.
4. The Association Council shall be chaired in turn by a member of the Council of the European Union and a member of the Government of Algeria in accordance with the provisions laid down in its rules of procedure.

ARTICLE 94

The Association Council shall, for the purpose of attaining the objectives of this Agreement, have the power to take decisions in the cases provided for therein. These decisions shall be binding on the Parties which shall take the measures necessary to implement the decisions taken. The Association Council may also make appropriate recommendations. It shall draw up its decisions and recommendations by agreement between the Parties.

ARTICLE 95

1. Subject to the powers conferred upon the Association Council, an Association Committee is hereby established which shall be responsible for the implementation of this Agreement.
2. The Association Council may delegate to the Association Committee, in full or in part, any of its powers.

ARTICLE 96

1. The Association Committee, which shall meet at official level, shall consist of representatives of members of the Council of the European Union and of the Commission of the European Communities, on the one hand, and of representatives of the Government of Algeria, on the other.
2. The Association Committee shall establish its rules of procedure.
3. The Association Committee shall meet in the Community or in Algeria.

ARTICLE 97

The Association Committee shall have the power to take decisions for the management of this Agreement as well as in those areas in which the Association Council has delegated its powers to it. Decisions shall be adopted by agreement between the Parties and shall be binding on the Parties, which shall take the measures necessary to implement them.

ARTICLE 98

The Association Council may decide to set up any working group or body necessary for the implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 99

The Association Council shall take all appropriate measures to facilitate cooperation and contacts between the European Parliament and the parliamentary institutions of Algeria, and between the Economic and Social Committee of the Community and its counterpart in Algeria.

ARTICLE 100

1. Each of the Parties may refer to the Association Council any dispute relating to the application or interpretation of this Agreement.
2. The Association Council may settle the dispute by means of a decision.
3. Each Party shall be bound to take the measures involved in carrying out the decision referred to in paragraph 2.
4. In the event of it not being possible to settle the dispute in accordance with paragraph 2, either Party may notify the other of the appointment of an arbitrator; the other Party must then appoint a second arbitrator within two months. For the application of this procedure, the Community and the Member States shall be deemed to be one party to the dispute. The Association Council shall appoint a third arbitrator. The arbitrators' decisions shall be taken by majority vote. Each party to the dispute must take the steps required to implement the decision of the arbitrators.

ARTICLE 101

Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Contracting Party from taking any measures:

- (a) which it considers necessary to prevent the disclosure of information contrary to its essential security interests;
- (b) which relate to the production of, or trade in, arms, munitions or war materials or to research, development or production indispensable for defence purposes, provided that such measures do not impair the conditions of competition in respect of products not intended for specifically military purposes;
- (c) which it considers essential to its own security in the event of serious internal disturbances affecting the maintenance of law and order, in time of war or serious international tension constituting threat of war or in order to carry out obligations it has accepted for the purpose of maintaining peace and international security.

ARTICLE 102

In the fields covered by this Agreement, and without prejudice to any special provisions contained therein:

- the arrangements applied by Algeria in respect of the Community shall not give rise to any discrimination between the Member States, their nationals or their companies or firms;
- the arrangements applied by the Community in respect of Algeria shall not give rise to any discrimination between Algerian nationals, companies or firms.

ARTICLE 103

Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of:

- extending the fiscal advantages granted by either Party in any international agreement or arrangement by which it is bound;
- preventing the adoption or application by either Party of any measure aimed at preventing the avoidance or evasion of taxes;
- opposing the right of either Party to apply the relevant provisions of its tax legislation to taxpayers who are not in identical situation, in particular as regards their place of residence.

ARTICLE 104

1. The Parties shall take any general or specific measures required to fulfil their obligations under this Agreement. They shall see to it that the objectives set out in the Agreement are attained.

2. If either Party considers that the other Party has failed to fulfil an obligation under the Agreement, it may take appropriate measures. Before so doing, except in cases of special urgency, it shall supply the Association Council with all the relevant information required for a thorough examination of the situation with a view to seeking a solution acceptable to the Parties. In the selection of measures, priority must be given to those which least disturb the functioning of the Agreement. These measures shall be notified immediately to the Association Council and shall be the subject of consultations within the Association Council if the other Party so requests.

ARTICLE 105

Protocols 1 to 7 and Annexes 1 to 6 shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 106

For the purposes of this Agreement, "Parties" shall mean, on the one hand, the Community or the Member States, or the Community and its Member States, in accordance with their respective powers, and, on the other hand, Algeria.

ARTICLE 107

This Agreement shall be concluded for an unlimited period. Each of the Parties may denounce this Agreement by notifying the other Party. The Agreement shall cease to apply six months after the date of such notification.

ARTICLE 108

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other, to the territory of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

ARTICLE 109

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish and Arabic languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

ARTICLE 110

1. This Agreement will be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their own procedures. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which the Contracting Parties notify each other that the procedures referred to in the first subparagraph have been completed.

2. Upon its entry into force, this Agreement shall replace the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, both of which were signed in Algiers on 26 April 1976.