TITLE VIII

SOCIAL MATTERS

Article 63

- 1. The Parties shall conduct a dialogue covering all aspects of mutual interest. The dialogue shall cover in particular questions relating to social problems of post-industrial societies, such as unemployment, rehabilitation of disabled people, equal treatment for men and women, labour relations, vocational training, work safety and hygiene, etc.
- 2. Cooperation will take place through experts' meetings, seminars and workshops.

Article 64

- 1. In order to coordinate the social security regimes of Israeli workers legally employed on the territory of a Member State and of their family members legally resident there, the following provisions should apply, subject to the conditions and modalities applicable in each Member State:
- all periods of insurance, employment or residence fulfilled by such workers in the different Member States shall be totalled for the purposes of the establishment of the right to old age, invalidity and survivors' pensions and allowances and for the purposes of medical care for themselves and their families,
- all pensions and allowances for old age, survivors, accident at work, occupational illness or invalidity, with the

- exception of non-contributory payments, shall benefit from free transfer to Israel at the rate applicable resulting from the legislation of the liable Member State(s),
- the workers concerned shall receive family allowances for the members of their family referred to above.
- 2. Israel shall grant to workers who are nationals of a Member State legally employed on its territory and to their family members legally resident there a treatment similar to that referred to in paragraph 1, second and third indents, subject to the conditions and modalities applicable in Israel.

Article 65

- 1. The Association Council shall decide on the provisions for the implementation of the objectives contained in Article 64.
- 2. The Association Council shall decide on the modalities of administrative cooperation to guarantee the management and control necessary for the implementation of the provisions contained in paragraph 1.

Article 66

The arrangements decided by the Association Council, in accordance with Article 65, shall in no way affect the rights and obligations resulting from bilateral agreements between Israel and the Member States where these agreements provide for a more favourable treatment of Israeli nationals or for nationals of the Member States.

TITLE IX

INSTITUTIONAL, GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 67

An Association Council is hereby established which shall meet at ministerial level once a year and when circumstances require, at the initiative of its Chairman 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 68

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 members of the Government of the State of Israel, on the other.

- 2. The Association Council shall establish its Rules of Procedure.
- 3. Members of the Association Council may arrange to be represented in accordance with the provisions laid down in 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 the State of Israel, in accordance with the provisions laid down in its Rules of Procedure.