

CHAPTER 2

SOCIAL COOPERATION ACTIONS*Article 82*

1. The Parties acknowledge the importance of social development which should go hand in hand with any economic development. They give particular priority to respect of basic social rights.

2. To consolidate social cooperation between the Parties, actions and programmes shall be undertaken on any issue of interest to them.

Priority shall be given to the following actions:

- (a) reduction of migratory pressures through job creation and the development of training in areas with a high emigration rate;
- (b) reintegration of repatriated illegal immigrants;
- (c) promotion of the role of women in social and economic development, particularly through education and the media, in line with Jordanian policy in this area;
- (d) development and consolidation of Jordanian family planning and mother and child protection programmes;
- (e) improving the social security system;
- (f) improving the healthcare system;
- (g) improving living conditions in underprivileged, densely populated areas;
- (h) implementation and financing of exchange and leisure programmes for mixed groups of young Jordanians and Europeans residing in the Member States, with a view to promoting mutual cultural understanding and tolerance.

Article 83

Cooperation projects may be coordinated with the Member States and the appropriate international organisations.

Article 84

A working party shall be set up by the Association Council by the end of the first year following entry into force of this Agreement. Its brief shall be to evaluate the implementation of the provisions of Chapters 1 and 2 on an ongoing basis.

CHAPTER 3

CULTURAL COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION*Article 85*

1. To foster mutual knowledge and understanding, and in line with projects that have already been developed along these lines, the Parties shall undertake, in a spirit of mutual cultural respect, to establish firm foundations for a continuing cultural dialogue and to promote long-term cultural cooperation in any appropriate field of activity.

2. The Parties shall, in identifying cooperation projects and programmes and joint activities, give special attention to young people, to self-expression and communication skills using written and audiovisual media, to heritage conservation issues and to the dissemination of culture.

3. The Parties agree that existing cultural cooperation programmes in the Community and the Member States can be extended to Jordan.

4. The Parties shall promote activities of mutual interest in the field of information and communications.

TITLE VII

FINANCIAL COOPERATION*Article 86*

In order to achieve the objectives of this Agreement, a financial cooperation package shall be made available to Jordan in accordance with the appropriate procedures and the financial resources required.

These procedures shall be agreed by both Parties using the most appropriate instruments after the Agreement has entered into force.

In addition to the areas covered by Titles V and VI of the Agreement, financial cooperation shall focus on:

- promoting reforms designed to modernise the economy,
- upgrading economic infrastructure,
- promoting private investment and job-creating activities,

- responding to the economic repercussions for Jordan of the gradual introduction of a free trade area, notably by upgrading and restructuring industry,
- accompanying the policies implemented in the social sector.

Article 87

In the framework of the existing Community Financial Instruments aimed at supporting the structural adjustment programmes in the Mediterranean countries, and in close cooperation with the Jordanian authorities and other donors, particularly with other international financial institutions, the Community will examine suitable ways of supporting structural policies carried out by Jordan to restore financial equilibrium in the main financial aggregates and encourage the creation of an economic environment conducive to increased growth, while at the same time improving the social well-being of the population.

Article 88

In order to ensure that a coordinated approach is adopted to any exceptional macroeconomic and financial problems that might arise as a result of the implementation of this Agreement, the Parties shall use the regular economic dialogue provided for in Title V to give particular attention to monitoring trade and financial trends in relations between the Community and Jordan.

TITLE VIII

INSTITUTIONAL, GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 89

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 90

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 Jordan, 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 Jordan, in accordance with the provisions laid down in its Rules of Procedure.

Article 91

The Association Council shall, for the purpose of attaining the objectives of the Agreement, have the power to take decisions in the cases provided for therein.

The decisions taken 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 two Parties.

Article 92

1. Subject to the powers of the Council, an Association Committee is hereby established which shall be responsible for the implementation of the Agreement.

2. The Association Council may delegate to the Association Committee, in full or in part, any of its powers.

Article 93

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 members of the Commission of the European Communities, on the one hand, and of representatives of the Government of Jordan, on the other.

2. The Association Committee shall establish its Rules of Procedure.

3. The Association Committee shall be chaired in turn by a representative of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union and by a representative of the Government of Jordan.

Article 94

1. The Association Committee shall have the power to take decisions for the management of the Agreement as well as in the areas in which the Council has delegated its powers to it.

2. It shall draw up its decisions by agreement between the two Parties. These decisions shall be binding on the Parties which shall take the measures necessary to implement the decisions taken.