

2. In the cases specified in Articles 31 and 32, before taking the measures provided for therein, or as soon as possible in cases to which paragraph 3 (b) applies, the Contracting Party in question shall supply the Cooperation Council with all relevant information required for a thorough examination of the situation with a view to seeking a solution acceptable to the Contracting Parties.

In the selection of measures, priority must be given to those which least disturb the functioning of the Agreement. Such measures must not exceed the limits of what is strictly necessary to counteract the difficulties which have arisen.

The Cooperation Council shall be notified immediately of any safeguard measures, and these shall be the subject of periodic consultations within the Cooperation Council particularly with a view to their abolition as soon as circumstances permit.

3. For the implementation of paragraph 2, the following provisions shall apply: (a) as regards Articles 31 and 32, consultation in the Cooperation Council shall take place before the Contracting Party concerned takes the appropriate measures;

(b) where exceptional circumstances requiring immediate action make prior examination impossible, the Contracting Party concerned may, in the situations specified in Articles 31 and 32, apply forthwith such precautionary measures as are strictly necessary to remedy the situation.

Article 34

Where one or more Member States of the Community or Syria is in serious difficulties or is seriously threatened with difficulties as regards its balance of payments, the Contracting Party concerned may take the necessary safeguard measures. In the selection of measures, priority must be given to those which least disturb the functioning of the Agreement. The other Contracting Party shall be notified of them immediately and they shall be the subject of periodic consultations within the Cooperation Council particularly with a view to their abolition as soon as circumstances permit.

TITLE III GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 35

1. A Cooperation Council is hereby established which, for the purpose of attaining the objectives set out in the Agreement, shall have the power to take decisions in the cases provided for in the Agreement.

The decisions taken shall be binding on the Contracting Parties, which shall take such measures as are required to implement them.

2. The Cooperation Council may also formulate any resolutions, recommendations or opinions which it considers desirable for the attainment of the common objectives and the smooth functioning of the Agreement.

3. The Cooperation Council shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 36

1. The Cooperation Council shall be composed, on the one hand, of representatives of the Community and of its Member States and, on the other hand, of representatives of Syria.
2. The Cooperation Council shall act by mutual agreement between the Community, on the one hand, and Syria, on the other.

Article 37

1. The office of President of the Cooperation Council shall be held alternately by the Contracting Parties, in accordance with the modalities to be laid down in the rules of procedure.
2. Meetings of the Cooperation Council shall be called once a year by its President. The Cooperation Council shall, in addition meet whenever necessary, at the request of either Contracting Party, in accordance with the conditions to be laid down in its rules of procedure.

Article 38

1. The Cooperation Council may decide to set up any committee that can assist it in carrying out its duties.
2. In its rules of procedure, the Cooperation Council shall determine the composition and duties of such committees and how they shall function.

Article 39

The Cooperation Council shall take any appropriate measures to facilitate the necessary cooperation and contacts between the European Parliament and the representatives of the People's Assembly of Syria.

Article 40

Either Contracting Party shall, if so requested by the other Contracting Party, provide all relevant information on any agreements it concludes involving tariff or trade provisions, and on any amendments to its customs tariff or external trade arrangements. Where such amendments or agreements have a direct and particular effect on the functioning of the Agreement, appropriate consultations shall be held within the Cooperation Council at the request of the other Contracting Party so that the interests of the Contracting Parties may be taken into consideration.

Article 41

1. The Contracting Parties shall take any general or specific measures required to fulfil their obligations under the Agreement. They shall ensure that the objectives set out in the Agreement are attained.
2. If either Contracting Party considers that the other Contracting Party has failed to fulfil an obligation under the Agreement, it may take appropriate measures. Before so doing, it shall

supply the Cooperation Council with all relevant information required for a thorough examination of the situation with a view to seeking a solution acceptable to the Contracting Parties. In the selection of measures, priority must be given to those which least disturb the functioning of the Agreement. The Cooperation Council shall be notified immediately of such measures, which shall be the subject of consultations within the Cooperation Council if the other Contracting Party so requests.

Article 42

Nothing in the 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 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 security in time of war or serious international tension.

Article 43

In the fields covered by the Agreement: - the arrangements applied by Syria 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 Syria shall not give rise to any discrimination between Syrian nationals, companies or firms.

Article 44

The Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with the procedure adopted for the negotiation of the Agreement itself, in the first place from the beginning of 1979 and again from the beginning of 1984, review the results of the Agreement and any improvements which could be made by either side as from 1 January 1980 and 1 January 1985, on the basis of the experience gained during the functioning of the Agreement and of the objectives defined therein.

Article 45

Protocols 1 and 2 and Annexes A and B shall form an integral part of the Agreement. The declarations and exchanges of letters shall appear in the Final Act, which shall form an integral part of the Agreement.

Article 46

Either Contracting Party may denounce this Agreement by notifying the other Contracting Party. The Agreement shall cease to apply 12 months after the date of such notification.

Article 47

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories to which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community applies under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other, to the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Article 48

This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian and Arabic languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

Article 49

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 notification that the procedures referred to in the first paragraph have been completed.

Til bekræftelse heraf har undertegnede befuldmægtigede underskrevet denne aftale.

Zu Urkund dessen haben die unterzeichneten Bevollmächtigten ihre Unterschriften unter dieses Abkommen gesetzt.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have affixed their signatures below this Agreement.

En foi de quoi, les plénipotentiaires soussignés ont apposé leurs signatures au bas du présent accord.

In fede di che, i plenipotenziari sottoscritti hanno apposto le loro firme in calce al presente accordo.

Ten blijke waarvan de ondergetekende gevolmachtigden hun handtekening onder deze Overeenkomst hebben gesteld. >PIC FILE= "T0009913">

Udfærdiget i Bruxelles, den attende januar nitten hundrede og syvoghalvfjerds.

Geschehen zu Brüssel am achtzehnten Januar neunzehnhundertsiebenundsiebzig.

Done at Brussels on the eighteenth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

Fait à Bruxelles, le dix-huit janvier mil neuf cent soixante-dix-sept.

Fatto a Bruxelles, addì diciotto gennaio millenovecentosettantasette.

Gedaan te Brussel, de achttiende januari negentienhonderd zevenenzeventig. >PIC FILE= "T0009914">

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For Rådet for De europæiske Fællesskaber

Für den Rat der Europäischen Gemeinschaften

For the Council of the European Communities

Pour le Conseil des Communautés européennes

Per il Consiglio delle Comunità europee

Voor de Raad van de Europese Gemeenschappen >PIC FILE= "T0009916">

ANNEX A relating to the products referred to in Article 9 excluded from the Agreement

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ANNEX B relating to the products referred to in Article 16

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