

(b) eliminate illicit consumption of such products.

2. The Parties shall together set out appropriate strategies and methods of cooperation, in accordance with their own legislation, to attain those objectives. For any action which is not conducted jointly, there shall be consultations and close coordination.

Such action may involve the appropriate public and private sector institutions and international organisations, in collaboration with the government of the Republic of Tunisia and the relevant authorities in the Community and the Member States.

3. Cooperation shall take the following forms in particular:

(a) the establishment or expansion of clinics/hostels 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, particularly the Chemicals Action Task Force (CATF).

Article 63

The two Parties shall together establish the procedures needed to achieve cooperation in the fields covered by this Title.

TITLE VI COOPERATION IN SOCIAL AND CULTURAL MATTERS

CHAPTER I WORKERS

Article 64

1. The treatment accorded by each Member State to workers of Tunisian nationality employed in its territory shall be free from any discrimination based on nationality, as regards working conditions, remuneration and dismissal, relative to its own nationals.

2. All Tunisian workers allowed to undertake paid employment in the territory of a Member State on a temporary basis shall be covered by the provisions of paragraph 1 with regard to working conditions and remuneration.

3. Tunisia shall accord the same treatment to workers who are nationals of a Member State and employed in its territory.

Article 65

1. Subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs, workers of Tunisian nationality and any members of their families living with them shall enjoy, in the field of social security, treatment free from any discrimination based on nationality relative to nationals of the Member States in which they are employed.

The concept of social security shall cover the branches of social security dealing with sickness and maternity benefits, invalidity, old-age and survivors' benefits, industrial accident and occupational disease benefits and death, unemployment and family benefits.

These provisions shall not, however, cause the other coordination rules provided for in Community legislation based on Article 51 of the EC Treaty to apply, except under the conditions set out in Article 67 of this Agreement.

2. All periods of insurance, employment or residence completed by such workers in the various Member States shall be added together for the purpose of pensions and annuities in respect of old age, invalidity and survivors' benefits and family, sickness and maternity benefits and also for that of medical care for the workers and for members of their families resident in the Community.

3. The workers in question shall receive family allowances for members of their families who are resident in the Community.

4. The workers in question shall be able to transfer freely to Tunisia, at the rates applied by virtue of the legislation of the debtor Member State or States, any pensions or annuities in respect of old age, survivor status, industrial accident or occupational disease, or of invalidity resulting from industrial accident or occupational disease, except in the case of special non-contributory benefits.

5. Tunisia shall accord to workers who are nationals of a Member State and employed in its territory, and to the members of their families, treatment similar to that specified in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4.

Article 66

The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to nationals of the Parties residing or working illegally in the territory of their host countries.

Article 67

1. Before the end of the first year following the entry into force of this Agreement, the Association Council shall adopt provisions to implement the principles set out in Article 65.

2. The Association Council shall adopt detailed rules for administrative cooperation providing the necessary management and monitoring guarantees for the application of the provisions referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 68

The provisions adopted by the Association Council in accordance with Article 67 shall not affect any rights or obligations arising from bilateral agreements linking Tunisia and the Member States where those agreements provide for more favourable treatment of nationals of Tunisia or of the Member States.

CHAPTER II DIALOGUE IN SOCIAL MATTERS

Article 69

1. The Parties shall conduct regular dialogue on any social matter which is of interest to them.
2. Such dialogue shall be used to find ways to achieve progress in the field of movement of workers and equal treatment and social integration for Tunisian and Community nationals residing legally in the territories of their host countries.
3. Dialogue shall cover in particular all issues connected with:
 - (a) the living and working conditions of the migrant communities;
 - (b) migration;
 - (c) illegal immigration and the conditions governing the return of individuals who are in breach of the legislation dealing with the right to stay and the right of establishment in their host countries;
 - (d) schemes and programmes to encourage equal treatment between Tunisian and Community nationals, mutual knowledge of cultures and civilizations, the furthering of tolerance and the removal of discrimination.

Article 70

Dialogue on social matters shall be conducted at the same levels and in accordance with the same procedures as provided for in Title I of this Agreement, which can itself provide a framework for that dialogue.

CHAPTER III COOPERATION IN THE SOCIAL FIELD

Article 71

With a view to consolidating cooperation between the Parties in the social field, projects and programmes shall be carried out in any area of interest to them.

Priority will be afforded to:

- (a) reducing migratory pressure, in particular by creating jobs and developing training in areas from which emigrants come;
- (b) resettling those repatriated because of their illegal status under the legislation of the state in question;
- (c) promoting the role of women in the economic and social development process through education and the media in step with Tunisian policy on the matter;
- (d) bolstering and developing Tunisia's family planning and mother and child protection programmes;
- (e) improving the social protection system;
- (f) enhancing the health cover system;
- (g) improving living conditions in poor, densely populated areas;
- (h) implementing and financing exchange and leisure programmes for mixed groups of Tunisian and European young people residing in the Member States, with a view to promoting mutual knowledge of their respective cultures and fostering tolerance.

Article 72

Cooperation schemes may be carried out in coordination with Member States and relevant international organisations.

Article 73

A working party shall be set up by the Association Council by the end of the first year following the entry into force of this Agreement. It shall be responsible for the continuous and regular evaluation of the implementation of Chapters 1 to 3.

CHAPTER IV COOPERATION ON CULTURAL MATTERS

Article 74

1. In order to boost mutual knowledge and understanding, taking account of activities already carried out, the Parties shall undertake - while respecting each other's culture - to provide a firmer footing for lasting cultural dialogue and to promote continuous cultural cooperation between them, without ruling out a priori any field of activity.

2. In putting together cooperation projects and programmes and carrying out joint activities, the Parties shall place special emphasis on young people, on written and audio-visual means of expression and communication, and on the protection of their heritage and the dissemination of culture.

3. The Parties agree that cultural cooperation programmes already under way in the Community or in one or more of its Member States may be extended to Tunisia.

TITLE VII FINANCIAL COOPERATION

Article 75

With a view to full attainment of the Agreement's objectives, financial cooperation shall be implemented for Tunisia in line with the appropriate financial procedures and resources.

These procedures shall be adopted by mutual agreement between the Parties by means of the most suitable instruments once the Agreement enters into force.

In addition to the areas covered by the Titles V and VI of this Agreement, cooperation shall entail:

- facilitating reforms aimed at modernizing the economy,
- updating economic infrastructure,
- promoting private investment and job creation activities,
- taking into account the effects on the Tunisian economy of the progressive introduction of a free trade area, in particular where the updating and restructuring of industry is concerned,
- flanking measures for policies implemented in the social sectors.

Article 76

Within the framework of Community instruments intended to buttress structural adjustment programmes in the Mediterranean countries - and in close coordination with the Tunisian authorities and other contributors, in particular the international financial institutions - the Community will examine suitable ways of supporting structural policies carried out by Tunisia to restore financial equilibrium in all its key aspects and create an economic environment conducive to boosting growth, while at the same time enhancing social welfare.

Article 77