

CHAPTER V ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

ARTICLE 30

Objectives and Scope

1. The Parties declare their readiness to foster economic co-operation on mutually agreed terms and in accordance with their national policy objectives.
2. The EFTA States shall provide technical assistance to the SACU States in order to:
 - (a) facilitate the implementation of the overall objectives of this Agreement, in particular to enhance trading and investment opportunities arising from this Agreement;
 - (b) support the SACU States' own efforts to achieve sustainable economic and social development.
3. Assistance by the EFTA States shall focus on sectors affected by the process of liberalisation and restructuring of the economy of the SACU States as well as on sectors likely to bring the economies of the EFTA States and the SACU States closer together, particularly those generating growth and employment.

ARTICLE 31

Methods and Means

1. The Parties shall co-operate with the objective of identifying and employing the most effective methods and means for the implementation of this Chapter. To this end, they shall co-ordinate efforts with relevant international organisations.
2. Conservation of the environment shall be taken into account in the implementation of assistance in the various sectors to which it is relevant.
3. Means of assistance may include:
 - (a) exchange of information, transfer of expertise and training;
 - (b) implementation of joint actions such as seminars and workshops; and
 - (c) technical and administrative assistance.

ARTICLE 32

Fields of Co-operation

1. In order to facilitate the implementation of this Agreement the Parties shall agree on appropriate modalities for technical assistance and co-operation between their respective authorities. To this end, they shall co-ordinate efforts with relevant international organisations.
2. Assistance may cover targeted fields jointly identified by the Parties that may serve to enhance the SACU States' capacities to benefit from increased international trade and investment, including in particular:
 - (a) trade policy, trade facilitation and trade promotion;
 - (b) customs and origin matters;
 - (c) technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment as well as sanitary and phytosanitary measures;
 - (d) local enterprise development; and
 - (e) regulatory assistance and implementation of laws in areas such as services, investment, intellectual property and public procurement.
3. Technical assistance in the fields referred to in paragraph 2(c) shall be provided on such matters as capacity building, infrastructure development, enhanced participation in international standards setting activities and improvement of risk assessment.
4. The Government of Norway, as the Depositary by virtue of Article 44, shall seek to co-operate with the SACU Secretariat in order to build capacity in the SACU Secretariat relating to all the functions of a depositary.