

- (b) the provision of information on the Parties' measures promoting investment abroad (technical assistance, financial support, investment insurance etc.);
- (c) the creation of a legal environment conducive to increased investment flows, including through the conclusion of international agreements; and
- (d) the planning and implementation of development projects, including for the participation of foreign investors.

CHAPTER V SERVICES

ARTICLE 26

Trade in Services

1. The Parties shall aim at achieving gradual liberalisation and the opening of their markets for trade in services in accordance with the provisions of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (hereinafter referred to as "GATS"), taking into account ongoing work under the auspices of the WTO. To this end, the Parties shall jointly review developments in services sectors and consider the adoption of liberalisation measures, with due regard to Article V GATS.
2. If a Party grants to a non-Party, after the entry into force of this Agreement, additional benefits with regard to the access to its services markets, it shall be prepared to enter into consultations in the Joint Committee with a view to addressing this matter in light of the objective set out in paragraph 1.

CHAPTER VI CURRENT PAYMENTS AND CAPITAL MOVEMENTS

ARTICLE 27

Payments for current transactions

Subject to the provisions of Article 29, the Parties undertake to allow all current payments for current transactions to be made in a freely convertible currency.

ARTICLE 28

Capital movements

With regard to transactions on the capital account of balance of payments, the EFTA States and Tunisia shall ensure, from the entry into force of this Agreement, that

capital relating to direct investments in Tunisia in companies formed in accordance with current laws can move freely and that the yield from such investments and any profit stemming therefrom can be liquidated and repatriated.

ARTICLE 29

Balance of payments difficulties

Where one or more EFTA States or Tunisia is in serious balance of payments difficulties, or under threat thereof, the EFTA States or Tunisia, as the case may be, may, in accordance with the conditions established under the GATT 1994 and Articles VIII and XIV of the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund, adopt restrictions on current transactions which shall be of limited duration and may not go beyond what is strictly necessary to remedy the balance of payments situation. The EFTA States or Tunisia, as the case may be, shall inform the other Parties forthwith and shall submit to them as soon as possible a timetable for the elimination of the measures concerned.

CHAPTER VII GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

ARTICLE 30

Government procurement

1. The Parties shall set as their objective a reciprocal and gradual liberalisation of public procurement markets.
2. If a Party grants to a non-Party access to its procurement markets, it shall be prepared to enter into consultations in the Joint Committee with a view to addressing this matter in light of the objective set out in paragraph 1.

CHAPTER VIII ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

ARTICLE 31

Objectives and Scope

1. The EFTA States declare their readiness to engage in economic co-operation and provide technical assistance to Tunisia, in accordance with their national policy objectives, in order to: