

- (f) encourage and facilitate EU-ESA partnerships, linkages and joint ventures between economic operators;
- (g) mitigation of natural disasters, prevention of environmental disasters and the loss of biodiversity;
- (h) technology development and adaptation, transfer and applications, R&D and innovation;
- (i) protection and management of coastal and marine resources and domestic and wild indigenous biological resources;
- (j) support the development of alternative environmentally friendly activities and livelihoods;
- (k) support the production and facilitate trade of goods and services for which eco-labelling is important;
- (l) exchange of information and networking on products and their requirements in terms of production process, transport, marketing and labelling;
- (m) support the development of infrastructure facilities on environmentally-friendly products;
- (n) integration of local communities in the management of biodiversity, forestry and wildlife resources;
- (o) waste management and disposal of industrial and toxic wastes; and
- (p) sustainable management of forests and similar mechanisms.

Article 52

Financial undertakings

1. The EC Party shall put at the disposal of ESA financial assistance to contribute to implement the programmes and projects to be developed under the areas of cooperation identified in this Agreement and relevant chapters and under the detailed Development Matrix.
2. The Parties agree to establish adequate joint institutional arrangements to effectively monitor the implementation of the development cooperation of this Agreement. Such arrangements shall include the establishment of a Joint Development Committee.
3. The Parties agree that the institutional arrangements shall remain flexible to adapt to the evolving national and regional needs.

CHAPTER V

AREAS FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS

Article 53

Rendez-vous clause

Building on the Cotonou Agreement and taking account of the progress made in the negotiations of a comprehensive EPA, the Parties agree to continue negotiations in accordance with Article 3 with a view to concluding a full and comprehensive EPA covering the following areas:

- (a) customs and trade facilitation;
- (b) outstanding trade and market access issues, including rules of origin and other related issues and trade defence measures, including outermost regions;
- (c) technical barriers to trade and sanitary and phytosanitary measures;
- (d) trade in services;
- (e) trade related issues namely:
 - (i) competition policy;
 - (ii) investment and private sector development;
- (iii) trade, environment and sustainable development;
- (iv) intellectual property rights;
- (v) transparency in public procurement;
- (f) agriculture;
- (g) current payments and capital payments;
- (h) development issues;
- (i) cooperation and dialogue on good governance in the tax and judicial area;
- (j) an elaborated dispute settlement mechanism, institutional arrangements; and
- (k) any other areas that the Parties find necessary, including consultations under Article 12 of the Cotonou Agreement.