

2. The South African Government shall accord to the Head of Delegation and the officials from the Commission appointed in South Africa privileges and immunities in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961.

3. In defining the tasks and obligations of the national authorising officer and the head of delegation, the Parties shall seek to ensure the greatest degree of local management of projects and programmes as well as compatibility and coherence with practices applying in the other ACP States.

Article 82

Monitoring and Evaluation

1. The objective of monitoring and evaluation shall consist in the external assessment of development operations (preparation, implementation and subsequent operation), with a view to improving the development effectiveness of ongoing and future operations. This work shall be done jointly by South Africa and the Community.

2. Monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation shall be done jointly by South Africa and the Community. Annual consultations may be held to assess progress and agree on the measures to be taken to adapt and improve implementation of the multiannual indicative programme and to prepare for future operations.

TITLE VI

Cooperation in Other Areas

Article 83

Science and Technology

The Parties undertake to intensify scientific and technological cooperation. Detailed arrangements for the implementation of this objective have been set out in a separate agreement, which entered into force in November 1997.

Article 84

Environment

1. The Parties will cooperate to pursue sustainable development through the rational use of non-renewable natural resources and the sustainable use of renewable natural resources, thus promoting protection of the environment, prevention of its deterioration and the control of pollution. The Parties will aim to improve the quality of the environment and work together to combat global environmental problems.

2. The Parties will give special consideration to the development of capacity in environmental management. There will be dialogue on the identification of environmental priorities. The impact of past South African policies on the state of the environment will be reviewed and addressed where possible.

3. The cooperative relationship will involve, inter alia, matters relating to urban development and land use for agricultural and non-agricultural purposes; desertification;

management of waste, including hazardous and nuclear waste; management of dangerous chemicals; conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity; the sustainable management of forestry resources; water quality control; control of pollution from industrial and other sources; control of coastal and marine pollution and the management of marine resources; integrated water catchment management, including management of international river basins; water demand management and issues surrounding the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Article 85

Culture

1. The Parties undertake to cooperate in the sphere of culture in order to promote a thorough knowledge and better understanding of cultural diversities within South Africa and the European Union. Parties will clear obstacles to intercultural communication and cooperation, and will stimulate awareness of the interdependence of peoples of different cultures. They will foster participation by the population of South Africa and the European Union in the process of reciprocal cultural enrichment.

2. Cultural contacts will aim at preserving and enhancing the cultural heritage and producing and disseminating cultural goods and services. The widest possible use shall be made of national, regional and interregional communications media and infrastructure to facilitate cultural contacts, while promoting respect for copyright and related rights.

3. The Parties will cooperate in cultural events and exchanges among institutions and associations from South Africa and the European Union.

Article 86

Social Issues

1. The Parties will engage in a dialogue on social cooperation. This shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, questions relating to the social problems of post-apartheid society, poverty alleviation, unemployment, gender equality, violence against women, children's rights, labour relations, public health, safety at work and population.

2. The Parties consider that economic development must be accompanied by social progress. They recognise the responsibility to guarantee basic social rights, which specifically aim at the freedom of association of workers, the right to collective bargaining, the abolition of forced labour, the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation and the effective abolition of child labour. The pertinent standards of the ILO shall be the point of reference for the development of these rights.

Article 87

Information

The Parties shall take appropriate measures to promote and encourage an effective mutual exchange of information. Priority shall, inter alia, be given to ensuring the spread of information on cooperation between South Africa and the Community. In addition, the Parties shall endeavour to provide basic information about South Africa and the

European Union for the general public, and specialised information about European Union policies for specific audiences in South Africa as well as specialised information about South African policies for specific audiences in the European Union.

Article 88

Press and Audiovisual Media

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of press and audiovisual media, in order to support the further development and fostering of independence and pluralism in the media. Cooperation shall be sought, inter alia, through:

- (a) promotion of the development of human resources, in particular through training and exchange programmes for journalists and media professionals;
- (b) encouragement of wider access to sources of information for the media;
- (c) exchange of technical know-how and information;
- (d) production of audiovisual programmes.

Article 89

Human Resources

1. The Parties shall cooperate in order to enhance the value of human resources in South Africa in all areas covered by the Agreement. Cooperation shall aim to strengthen institutional capacity in the government's key human resource development areas, paying special attention to the most disadvantaged sections of the population.

2. In order to develop the level of expertise of senior staff in the public and private sectors, the Parties shall step up their cooperation on education and vocational training and cooperation between educational institutions and firms. Particular attention shall be paid to promote the establishment of permanent links between specialised bodies in the European Union and South Africa so as to encourage the pooling and exchange of experience and technical resources.

3. The Parties shall encourage the exchange of information in order to foster cooperation on the recognition of degrees and diplomas by the relevant authorities.

4. The parties shall encourage linkage and cooperation between institutions of higher learning, for example universities.

Article 90

Fight Against Drugs and Money Laundering

The Parties undertake to cooperate in the fight against drugs and money laundering by:

- (a) promoting the South African drugs control master plan and enhancing the effectiveness of South African and southern African regional programmes to counter the illegal abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as well as the production, supply and trafficking of these substances, based on the relevant international UN Drugs Control Conventions;
- (b) preventing the use of their financial institutions to launder capital arising from criminal activities in general and from drugs trafficking in particular on the basis of

standards equivalent to those adopted by international bodies, in particular the Financial Action Task Force (FATF); and

(c) preventing the diversion of precursor chemicals and other essential substances used for the illicit production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances on the basis of the standards adopted by international authorities concerned, notably those of the Chemical Action Task Force (CATF).

Article 91

Data Protection

1. The Parties shall cooperate to improve the level of protection to the processing of personal data, taking into account international standards.
2. Cooperation on personal data protection may include technical assistance in the form of exchanges of information and experts and the establishment of joint programmes and projects.
3. The Cooperation Council shall periodically review the progress made in this regard.

Article 92

Health

1. The Parties shall cooperate to improve the mental and physical health of populations by promoting health, and preventing disease.
2. In the field of public health the Parties shall cooperate by sharing knowledge and experience on programmes which, inter alia, disseminate information, improve the education and training of public health professionals, monitor disease and develop health information systems, decrease risks from lifestyle related diseases, prevent and control HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases.
3. Cooperation in the field of safety and health at work shall include exchange of information on legislative and non-legislative measures to prevent accidents, occupation related diseases and occupation related health risks.
4. Cooperation in the pharmaceutical field may include support in the evaluation and registration of medicinal products.

TITLE VII

Financial Aspects of Cooperation

Article 93

Objective

In order to achieve the objectives of this Agreement, South Africa shall benefit from financial and technical assistance from the Community in the form of grants and loans to support its socioeconomic development needs.

Article 94