

CHAPTER X
TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATION AND TOURISM

Article 61

Transport and Communications

- 1. In order to achieve a harmonious and integrated development of the continental transport and communications network, Member States shall undertake to:**
 - (a) Promote the integration of transport and communications infrastructure;**
 - (b) Coordinate the various modes of transport in order to increase their efficiency;**
 - (c) Harmonize progressively their rules and regulations relating to transport and communications;**
 - (d) Encourage the use of local material and human resources, standardisation of networks and equipment, research and the popularisation of infrastructural construction techniques as well as adapted equipment and materials;**
 - (e) Expand, modernize and maintain transport and communications infrastructures by means of mobilising the necessary technological and financial resources;**
 - (f) Promote the creation of regional industries for the production of transport and communications equipment; and**
 - (g) Organize, structure and promote, at regional and Community levels, passenger and goods transport services.**
- 2. To this end, Member States shall:**
 - (a) Draw up co-ordinated programmes to restructure the road transport sector for purposes of establishing inter-State links and the construction of major transcontinental trunk roads;**
 - (b) Prepare plans to improve, re-organize and standardise the various rail networks of Member States with a view to their inter-connection and construct new railways as part of a Pan-African network;**
 - (c) Harmonize:**
 - (i) Their policies on maritime, inter-State lake and river transport;**
 - (ii) Their air transport policies;**

- (iii) Their programmes on the training and further training of specialised cadres in transport and communications;
- (d) Modernize and standardise their transport and communications equipment in order to permit Member States to be linked with one another and with the outside world;
- (e) Promote proper integration of air transport in Africa and coordinate flight schedules; and
- (f) Coordinate and harmonize their transport policies at regional and Community levels in order to eliminate non-physical barriers that hamper the free movement of goods, services and persons.

Article 62

Community Enterprises in the Field of Transport

1. Member States shall encourage the establishment of Community and African multinational enterprises in the fields of maritime, rail, road, inland waterways and air transport.
2. The expression “Community and multinational enterprises” and the legal status thereof shall be as defined in the relevant Protocol.

Article 63

Posts and Telecommunications

1. In the field of Posts, Member States undertake to:
 - (a) Establish a Pan-African Postal Network;
 - (b) Adopt a policy of rationalisation and maximisation of conveyance of mail;
 - (c) Ensure that the Post has a legal status, an efficient management system and the resources necessary for providing reliable services to meet customer demands; and
 - (d) Create customer-oriented and competitive services.
2. In the field of Telecommunications, Member States shall:
 - (a) Develop, modernize, coordinate and standardise their national telecommunications networks in order to provide reliable inter-connection among Member States;

- (b) Establish a Pan-African Telecommunications Network and ensure its utilisation and maintenance;
 - (c) Establish a Pan-African system of communications by satellite in order to improve telecommunications, particularly in rural areas.
- 3. Member States further undertake to provide efficient and regular Post and Telecommunication services within the Community, and to develop close collaboration among Post and Telecommunications administrations.
- 4. In order to attain the objectives set out in this Article, Member States shall also encourage the establishment of private companies for post and telecommunications services.

Article 64

Broadcasting

- 1. Member States undertake to:
 - (a) Coordinate their efforts and pool their resources in order to promote the exchange of radio and television programmes at bilateral, regional and continental levels;
 - (b) Encourage the establishment of programme exchange centres at regional and continental levels. In this connection, Member States shall strengthen the activities and operations of existing programme exchange centres; and
 - (c) Use their broadcasting and television systems in order to further close co-operation and better understanding among their peoples and, in particular, to promote the objectives of the Community.
- 2. Member States further undertake to collect, disseminate and exchange meteorological information at the continental level, particularly with regard to the development of early warning systems for the prevention of natural disasters and for ensuring safety in aerial, coastal and inland navigation.

Article 65

Tourism

- 1. For the purpose of ensuring the harmonious and profitable development of tourism in Africa, Member States undertake to:
 - (a) Strengthen intra-African co-operation in tourism, particularly through:
 - (i) The promotion of intra-African tourism;

- (ii) The harmonisation and co-ordination of tourism development policies, plans and programmes; and
 - (iii) Joint promotion of tourism products representing Africa's natural and socio-cultural values.
 - (b) Promote the establishment of efficient tourism enterprises adapted to the needs of the African people and attractive to foreign tourists, through:
 - (i) The adoption of measures designed to promote investment in tourism with a view to the establishment of competitive African tourist enterprises;
 - (ii) Adoption of measures designed to develop and utilise human resources for tourism in Africa; and
 - (iii) Strengthening or establishment of high-level tourism training institutions where necessary.
- 2. Member States shall adopt all requisite measures for the development of African tourism that takes due account of the human and natural environment and the well-being of the African peoples and which contribute effectively to the implementation of the continent's political and socio-economic integration and development.

Article 66

Protocol on Transport, Communication and Tourism

For the purposes of this Chapter, Member States undertake to cooperate in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol on Transport, Communications and Tourism.