

3. The Committee of Senior Officials shall:
 - (a) report to the CMT on matters relating to the implementation of the provisions contained in this Protocol;
 - (b) monitor the implementation of this Protocol;
 - (c) supervise the work of the TNF-Services.
4. The TNF-Services shall be responsible for the conduct of trade negotiations and shall report to the Committee of Senior Officials. Its functions shall include:
 - (a) regular reviews in which offers shall be made and where the removal of restrictions and conditions shall be requested or offered;
 - (b) the creation of a research capacity of experts to monitor the impact of measures already implemented, and offer advice on the potential impact of offers under discussion; and
 - (c) the monitoring of the services integration process, with a view to ensuring that, in the process of liberalisation of services, due account shall be taken of sectoral Protocols.

ARTICLE 25

Consultations and Dispute Settlement

The dispute settlement procedures of Annex 1 to this Protocol shall apply to any disputes regarding the interpretation or application of this Protocol.

PART SIX

FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 26

Annexes

State Parties may develop Annexes for the implementation of this Protocol for adoption by the CMT. Upon adoption by the CMT, such Annexes shall be an integral part of this Protocol.

ARTICLE 27

Amendments

1. Any State Party may propose amendments to this Protocol.
2. Proposals for amendments to this Protocol shall be made to the Executive Secretary who shall duly notify all Member States of the proposed amendments at least thirty (30) days in advance of consideration of the amendments by the States Parties. Such notice may be waived by the Member States.
3. Amendments to this Protocol shall be adopted by a decision of three quarters of all the State Parties and shall become effective thirty (30) days after such adoption.

ARTICLE 28

Signature

This Protocol shall be signed by the duly authorised representatives of the Member States.

ARTICLE 29

Ratification

This Protocol shall be subject to ratification by the Member States in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures.

ARTICLE 30

Entry into Force

This Protocol shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the deposit of instruments of ratification by two-thirds of the Member States.

ARTICLE 31

Accession

This Protocol shall remain open for accession by any Member State.

ARTICLE 32

Withdrawal

1. Any State Party may withdraw from this Protocol upon the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date of giving written notice to the Executive Secretary to that effect.
2. Any State Party that has withdrawn pursuant to paragraph 1 shall cease to enjoy all rights and benefits under this Protocol upon the withdrawal becoming effective.

3. Any State Party that has withdrawn pursuant to paragraph 1 shall remain bound by the obligations under this Protocol for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of giving notice.

ARTICLE 33

Depositary

1. The original texts of this Protocol and all instruments of ratification and accession shall be deposited with the SADC Executive Secretary, who shall transmit certified copies to all State Parties.
2. The Executive Secretary shall register this Protocol with the United Nations, African Union Commission and any other relevant organisations, which the Council of SADC may determine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the Heads of State and Government, or our duly Authorised Representatives have signed this Protocol.

DONE at MAPUTO, Mozambique this 18th day of August, 2012, in three originals, in English, French and Portuguese, all texts being equally authentic.

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