PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1

Scope of the Agreement

The Parties hereby establish an EPA, that covers:

(a) General Provisions;

(b) Trade in Goods;

(c) Fisheries;

(d) Agriculture;

(e) Economic and Development Cooperation;

(f) Institutional Provisions;

(g) Dispute Avoidance and Settlement;

(h) General Exceptions;

(i) General and Final Provisions; and

(j) Annexes and Protocols to the above.

ARTICLE 2

Objectives

1. The objectives of this Agreement are to:

(a) contribute to economic growth and development through the establishment of a strengthened and strategic trade and development partnership consistent with the objective of sustainable development and in accordance with Article 75;

(b) promote regional integration, economic cooperation and good governance in the EAC;

(c) promote the gradual integration of the EAC into the world economy, in conformity with its political choices and development priorities;

(d) foster the structural transformation of EAC economies, and their diversification and competitiveness by enhancing their production, supply and trading capacity;

(e) improve EAC capacity in trade policy and trade-related issues;

(f) establish and implement an effective, predictable and transparent regional regulatory framework for trade and investment in the EAC Partner State(s), thus supporting the conditions for increasing investment, and private sector initiative; and

(g) strengthen the existing relations between the Parties on the basis of solidarity and mutual interest. To this end, consistent with their WTO rights and obligations, this Agreement shall enhance commercial and economic relations, support a new trading dynamic between the Parties by means of the progressive, asymmetrical liberalisation of trade between them and reinforce, broaden and deepen cooperation in all areas relevant to trade and investment.

2. This Agreement also aims to:

(a) establish an agreement consistent with Article XXIV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994);

(b) facilitate continuation of trade by the EAC Partner State(s) through economic and trade cooperation in accordance with the objectives set out in Annex III; and

(c) establish the framework and scope of potential negotiation in relation to other issues including trade in services, trade-related issues and any other areas of interest to both Parties.

ARTICLE 3

Rendez-vous Clause

The Parties undertake to conclude the negotiations in the subject matters listed below, within five (5) years upon entry into force of this Agreement:

(a) trade in services;

(b) trade related issues namely:

(i) competition policy;

(ii) investment and private sector development;

(iii) trade, environment and sustainable development;

(iv) intellectual property rights; and

(v) transparency in public procurement;

(c) any other areas that the Parties may agree upon.

ARTICLE 4

Principles

This Agreement is based on the following principles:

(a) the essential and fundamental elements of this Agreement, as jointly stated by the Parties in Annex III;

(b) strengthening integration in the EAC Region;

(c) ensuring asymmetry, in favour of the EAC Partner State(s), in the liberalisation of trade and in the application of trade-related measures and trade defence instruments;

(d) allowing the EAC Partner State(s) to maintain regional preferences with other African countries and regions without an obligation to extend them to the UK; and

(e) contributing to enhance the production, supply and trading capacities of the EAC Partner State(s).