

CHAPTER ONE

PRINCIPLES

ARTICLE 2

Establishment of the Community

The Community is hereby established and recognised in the Protocol hereto as successor to the Caribbean Community and Common Market.

ARTICLE 3

Membership

1. *Members of the Community consist of:*

- (a) Antigua and Barbuda*
- (b) The Bahamas*
- (c) Barbados*
- (d) Belize*
- (e) Dominica*
- (f) Grenada*
- (g) Guyana*
- (h) Jamaica*
- (i) Montserrat*
- (j) St. Kitts and Nevis*
- (k) Saint Lucia*
- (l) St. Vincent and the Grenadines*
- (m) Suriname*
- (n) Trinidad and Tobago.*

2. *Membership of the Community shall be open to any other State or Territory of the Caribbean Region that is, in the opinion of the Conference, able and willing to exercise the rights and assume the obligations of membership.*

ARTICLE 4

Less Developed Countries and More Developed Countries

For the purpose of this Treaty the States specified in sub-paragraphs 1(b), (c), (g), (h), (m) and (n) of Article 3 shall be more developed countries and the remainder listed in the said paragraph shall be less developed countries.

ARTICLE 5

7.

Modification of the Status of Member States

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 4 and paragraph 1 of Article 28, the Conference may, by majority decision, modify the status of a Member State.

ARTICLE 6

Objectives of the Community

The Community shall have the following objectives:

- (a) improved standards of living and work;*
- (b) full employment of labour and other factors of production;*
- (c) accelerated, co-ordinated and sustained economic development and convergence;*
- (d) expansion of trade and economic relations with third States;*
- (e) enhanced levels of international competitiveness;*
- (f) organisation for increased production and productivity;*
- (g) the achievement of a greater measure of economic leverage and effectiveness of Member States in dealing with third States, groups of States and entities of any description;*
- (h) enhanced co-ordination of Member States' foreign and [foreign] economic policies; and*
- (i) enhanced functional co-operation, including -*
- (i) more efficient operation of common services and activities for the benefit of its peoples;*

(ii) accelerated promotion of greater understanding among its peoples and the advancement of their social, cultural and technological development;

(iii) intensified activities in areas such as health, education, transportation, telecommunications.

ARTICLE 7

Non-Discrimination

1. Within the scope of application of this Treaty and without prejudice to any special provisions contained therein, any discrimination on grounds of nationality only shall be prohibited.

2. The Community Council shall, after consultation with the competent Organs, establish rules to prohibit any such discrimination.

ARTICLE 8

Most Favoured Nation Treatment

8.

Subject to the provisions of this Treaty, each Member State shall, with respect to any rights covered by this Treaty, accord to another Member State treatment no less favourable than that accorded to:

(a) a third Member State; or

(b) third States.

ARTICLE 9

General Undertaking on Implementation

Member States shall take all appropriate measures, whether general or particular, to ensure the carrying out of obligations arising out of this Treaty or resulting from decisions taken by the Organs and Bodies of the Community. They shall facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the Community. They shall abstain from any measures which could jeopardise the attainment of the objectives of this Treaty.