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I. Phase I - August - December 1982

A. Preferential Trade Area Secretariat

- Preparation of draft staff rules and regulations
- Preparation of draft financial regulations
- Preparation of PTA rules of procedures
- Inaugural meetings of the Intergovernmental Commission and Committees
- Summit of Heads of State and Government of the PTA member States

B. Treaty

- Follow-up action on signing and ratification of the Treaty
- Continuation of negotiations with host Government on status, priviledges and immunities (if need be)
- Preparation of draft rules and regulations of the Intergovernmental Commission of Experts and the technical Committees.

C. Trade and Development Bank

- Convening of the Intergovernmental Team of Experts to review the technical study and charter of the Bank and make recommendations to Council of Ministers.
- Meeting of Attorneys-General or their representatives on finalization of the draft charter of the Bank.

D. Protocol on reduction and elimination of trade barriers

- Assistance in the implementation of this protocol and in related negotiations on commodities (i.e. 180 days before relevant protocol comes into force as provided for under the Treaty).
- Up-dating of "Common List" products and related classification of goods.
- Collection of up-to-date customs tariff rates in relation to "Common List" commodities.

E. Protocol and customs co-operation

- Collection of information on customs regulations and procedures (tariff classification, valuation of goods...)

F. Protocol on transit trade and transit facilities

- Preparation of draft customs nomenclature.
- Preparation for the implementation of this protocol.

G. Protocols on transport and communications, industrial and agricultural development

- Collection of data and information with a view to required harmonization and/or establishment of related institutions in respect of:
 - transport and communications road, rail, sea, water etc.,
 - industrial priority sectors metallurgical, chemical etc.,
 - agricultural development, land and water resources, technology and marketing.

H. Protocol on standardization

Collection of information on national standards and quality control measures (in collaboration with ARSO) with a view to harmonizing them.

I. Convening of the following meetings:

(a)	Intergovernmental Commission of Experts	November	1982
(b)	Customs and Trade Committee	11	Ėŧ
(c)	Clearing and Payments Committee	n	ļī
(d)	Committee on Agricultural Co-operation	п	11
(e)	Committee on Industrial Co-operation	n 1	**
(f)	Transport and Communications Committee	. 88	. 11
(g)	PTA Council of Ministers Meeting	December	1982
(h)	The Authority.	₹	11

J. Other activities (general)

- Preparation and/or printing of various forms required for the implementation of relevant protocols.
- Establishment of modalities for the implementation of the above and other relevant protocols.

II. Phase II - January - December 1983

A. Treaty

Start of PTA trading operations, under Protocol on reduction and elimination of trade barriers (January).

B. Trade and Development Bank

- Preparation for and meeting of Council of Ministers to consider and adopt charter of the Bank.
- Arrangements to be made for appointment of Governors to the Board of Governors of the Bank.
- Arrangements to be made for appointment of the Executive Directors and President of the Bank.

C. Protocol on reduction and elimination of trade barriers

- Preparations for the second round of negotiations required to be held on the elapse of the first two years since the coming into force of the Treaty on reduction and elimination of trade barriers, including the revision of the "Common List".
- Convening of meeting of the Customs and Trade Committee to consider reduction and elimination of trade barriers (implementation measures).

D. Protocol on customs co-operation

- Application of SITC statistical standards to foreign trade
- Continuation of collection of information on customs regulations and procedures with a view to harmonizing them.

E. Protocol on transit trade and transit facilities

Preparation of draft common terms and conditions for temporary admission of goods to be re-exported and practical arrangements to be made for the application of the protocol.

F. Protocol and simplification and harmonization of trade documents and procedures

Submission of concrete proposals for the standardization of trade documents.

G. Protocol on transport and communications

Preparation of draft common rules and regulations for road, maritime, and water transport (including proposals on creation of multinational enterprises..)

H. Protocol on industrial development

Preparation of draft concrete proposals on co-operation in industrial priority sectors (creation of multinational enterprises etc...) and on harmonization of industrial policies.

I. Preparation of the draft charter of multinational industrial enterprises

Preparation of the draft charter of the "Centre for the promotion of Industrial Development" (as required by relevant protocol).

J. Protocol on agricultural development

Preparation of draft concrete proposals on co-operation in agricultural priority sectors (creation of multinational enterprises, joint ventures etc... and on harmonization of agricultural policies.

K. Protocol on standardization

Preparation of draft concrete proposals for harmonization of standards and quality control measures.

- L. Convening of the following meetings:
 - (a) Intergovernmental Commission of Experts (at least once)
 - (b) Customs and Trade Committee (at least once)
 - (c) Clearing and Payments Committee (at least once)
 - (d) Committee on Agricultural Co-operation (at least once)
 - (e) Committee on Industrial Co-operation (at least once)
 - (f) Transport and Communications Committee (at least once)
 - (g) PTA Council of Ministers meeting (once)
 - (h) The Authority (once).