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Establishment of a Preferential Trade  
Area for Eastern and Southern African  
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DRAFT PROTOCOL ON CO-ORDINATION OF  
AGRICULTURAL POLICIES IN THE  
PREFERENTIAL TRADE AREA FOR THE  
EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN STATES

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES

RECALLING the provisions of paragraph ... of Article ... of the Treaty for the Establishment of the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern Africa which stipulates that the co-ordination of agricultural policies among the parties to the Treaty shall be set out in a Protocol to be annexed to the said Treaty;

MINDFUL of the need to co-ordinate agricultural policies of member States especially in those sectors relating to food production, export crop production, agro-industries, research and training;

CONVINCED that co-ordination of agricultural policies is important in the promotion of inter-State trade and general industrial development;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Interpretation

In this protocol,

"Council" means the Council of Ministers established by Article ..... of the Treaty.

"Intergovernmental institutions" means existing or planned institutions serving two or more countries in the Preferential Trade Area to wholly or partially engage in the development of agriculture and foster co-operation in specialised agricultural fields.

"Member State" means a State member of the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern Africa.

"Preferential Trade Area" means the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern African States.

"PTA" means Preferential Trade Area.

"Technical Committee" means the Technical Committee made up of experts to be established under Article .... of this Protocol, to undertake specific studies related to the co-ordination of agricultural policies of the Preferential Trade Area member States.

"Treaty" means the Treaty establishing the Preferential Trade Area for the Eastern and Southern African States.

ARTICLE 2

Co-ordination of Agricultural Policies

The member States undertake to gradually adopt a common approach to agricultural development and to co-ordinate their policies accordingly.

ARTICLE 3

Co-operation in the Field of the Supply of Staple Food Stuffs within the Preferential Trade Area

The member States shall:

- (a) Undertake to ensure adequate food security in the area by enhancing food production to generate surpluses especially in grains and create adequate storage facilities within the Preferential Trade Area.
- (b) Undertake to promote the co-ordinated production of protein rich food stuffs such as meat, fish, and dairy products.

ARTICLE 4

Co-operation in the Field of Agricultural Export Commodities

The member States:

- (a) Shall agree to co-ordinate their policies towards export crops.
- (b) Shall negotiate collectively international commodity agreements for agricultural export crops.
- (c) Shall undertake to seek ways of solving specific crop export problems, such as, the exploration of horticultural products in relation to the availability of air freight capacity.

ARTICLE 5

Co-operation in the Field of Agro-industries

Member States shall:

(a) Co-ordinate their strategies in regard to the promotion of agro-industries bearing in mind the complementarity and interdependence between agricultural and industrial development.

(b) Consult one another concerning the establishment of agro-industries so as to avoid unnecessary duplication and underutilisation of existing and planned capacities.

ARTICLE 6

Co-operation and Co-ordination of  
Agricultural Institutional Policies

The member States shall:

(a) Agree to establish subregional intergovernmental organisations which will be responsible for the co-ordination of existing national institutions and the development of specific agricultural development activities such as: the development of land and water resources, the sharing of services and technology, marketing and price stabilisation, and research and training.

(b) Co-ordinate their views with regard to the establishment of specialized technical committees on agricultural production and trade to facilitate, inter alia, the continuous monitoring and regular consultation in those matters that affect various aspects of agricultural production and trade such as crop and livestock information, price support policies and market intelligence information.

(c) Seek to establish an export research centre for the Preferential Trade Area to undertake the development of existing markets and the exploration of new markets.

(d) Establish inter-governmental organisations to be formed within the Preferential Trade Area to ensure secure markets and stable prices of specific agricultural commodities.

ARTICLE 7

Settlement of Disputes

Any disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of this protocol shall be settled in accordance with the provisions of Article .... of the Treaty.

ARTICLE 8

Regulations

The Council may make regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this protocol.

ARTICLE 9

Amendments

This protocol may be amended from time to time in accordance with Article .... of the Treaty.

ARTICLE 10

Signature

The protocol shall be open for signature by all member States until ..... 1980 at ..... and, subsequently, until ..... 1980 at the headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

ARTICLE 11

Ratification

This protocol shall be subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

ARTICLE 12

Accession

This protocol shall remain open for accession by all member States. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

ARTICLE 13

Functions of the Depository

The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa shall transmit certified true copies of this protocol to all member States, and notify them of the dates of deposit of instruments of ratification and accession and shall register this protocol with the Organisation of African Unity, United Nations Organisations and such other organisations as the Council shall determine.

ARTICLE 14

Entry into Force

(a) This protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the seventh instrument of ratification or accession.

(b) For each State ratifying or acceding to this protocol after the deposit of the seventh instrument of ratification or accession, this protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit of such state of its instrument of ratification or accession.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the following Plenipotentiaries from Eastern and Southern Africa have signed this protocol:

DONE at ..... this ..... day of .....  
1980 in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

Angola	Kenya	Mozambique	Tanzania
Botswana	Lesotho	Seychelles	(United Republic)
Comoros	Madagascar	Somalia	Uganda
Djibouti	Malawi	Swaziland	Zambia
Ethiopia	Mauritius		