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SUBJECT: Sixth EU-SADC Joint Committee of Senior Officials,
Brussels, 9-10 July 1998

The EU-SADC Joint Committee of Senior Officials agreed on the annexed minutes
of its sixth meeting which took place in Brussels on 9-10 July 1998.
Agreed Minutes of the
6th EU - SADC Joint Committee of Senior Officials
Brussels, 9-10 July 1998

1. The sixth meeting of the Joint Committee of Senior Officials took place in the EU Council building in Brussels on 9-10 July 1998. It was preceded by the 9th Meeting of the Joint Steering Committee. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr Herbert Kröll, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Austria) and Mr A. L. Mongalo, Deputy Director-General, Department of Foreign Affairs, (South Africa). The Opening Statement and Attendance List are attached. (Annex I)

2. The Austrian delegation briefed the meeting on the practical arrangements for the Third EU-SADC Ministerial Conference to be held in Vienna on 3-4 November 1998. The Ministerial Conference will be preceded by Meetings of the Joint Steering Committee and the Joint Committee of Senior Officials. The meeting underlined the importance of submitting to the Austrian authorities, not later than 10 September 1998, the details of Delegations attending the Vienna Conference.

3. The Committee agreed on the draft agenda for the Ministerial Conference (Annex II)

4. The Committee considered the following documents:
   a) the draft format of the Ministerial Conference (Annex III)
   b) the draft annotated agenda for the Ministerial Conference (Annex IV)
   c) the draft Joint Final Communiqué on the Ministerial Conference of the European Union and the Southern African Development Community (Annex V)

5. In addition the Committee agreed to consult and exchange views before the September meeting on new priorities for consideration at the Ministerial Conference. It was agreed that these documents would be discussed further with a view to finalising them, particularly in the light of the SADC Summit in September 1998 and the next meeting of the Joint Steering Committee in Windhoek, Namibia, on 24-25 September 1998.

6. The Committee took note of the concern expressed by SADC on the issue of financing of activities arising out of the Berlin Initiative. The Union agreed to explore windows, in addition to that of the SADC Regional Indicative Programme (RIP) for financing these activities. The Committee also underlined the need for organisers of such activities to closely coordinate with the SADC Secretariat.

7. The meeting expressed its appreciation to the Government and the People of the Republic of Austria for accepting to host the Ministerial Conference, and welcomed the comprehensive brief on the preparations for the Conference as outlined in the document (Annex VI) circulated to the meeting.
STATEMENT BY THE EU PRESIDENCY AT THE OPENING SESSION OF
THE 6TH JOINT COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS

BRUSSELS, 9-10 JULY 1997

Mr Co-Chairman, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

• It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you on behalf of the European Union to the 6th meeting of the EU-SADC Joint Committee of Senior Officials in Brussels. I am very glad that you have come to this important meeting which will focus on the preparations of the 3rd EU-SADC Ministerial Conference on 3-4 November in Vienna and I hope that we will have a fruitful and constructive discussion.

• Since our last meeting in Lusaka seven month ago, Southern Africa has attracted world and especially European attention: events like the visits of President Clinton and President Chirac or the invitation of President Mandela to the European Council in Cardiff highlight the increasing interest in the region and secure a great presence in the media. The World notices an increasingly positive image of Africa and especially SADC serves as a particularly successful example and model. The European Union is proud that already in 1994 she has initiated a comprehensive political dialogue with this successful and promising regional grouping. We wish to further develop and intensify this political dialogue.

• This year it will be for the third time that our dialogue continues on ministerial level. We all hope that the third EU-SADC Ministerial Conference in Vienna will be a concrete contribution to move forward and further strengthen the relationship between our regions, based on democracy, human rights, good governance and sound economic policies. Today we have come together to prepare the conference, especially to draw up the Annotated Agenda and the Final Communiqué. The better we prepare the substance of the conference the more we secure efficiency of the discussion and can concentrate on concrete results.

• Today we note important developments which will influence the conditions and the framework for our future dialogue: the Post-Lomé-negotiations, which will start this autumn, the entry into force of the SADC-trade-protocol after the successful meeting of SADC-Trade Ministers in Luanda only on 7 July, EMU, the - hopefully - near conclusion of the Agreement on Trade, Development and Co-operation between the EU and South-Africa. These
are points we will have to bear in mind while shaping concepts for our future co-operation.

- We have to be aware that at centre stage of all our activities should be the achievement of concrete results which bring us closer to our objective, namely to sustainable economic and social development, which is a basis for peace and security. In a frank and open dialogue, characterised by confidence and the spirit of partnership we should name specific problems and try to identify possible solutions, measures and methods to overcome difficulties. Special attention should be paid to follow-up activities of programmes, conferences and seminars and above all on the implementation of their results. In this context questions of capacity-building and institution-building will be of great interest.

- The question how to consolidate and pursue regional integration will be another focal-point of our discussion and for common activities. Our regions, Europe and Africa, have both learned after painful experiences that regional integration brings more than some economic advantages. Beyond that it is a key to political stability and thus to peace, security and prosperity.

- SADC is viewed as the region with the greatest potential to spearhead the new African Renaissance. The SADC-Region has all ingredients of an emerging market: not only is it richly endowed with abundant agricultural, natural, mineral and human resources but it is also committed to the principles of democracy, good governance, the observance of human rights and sound economic policies. These are absolute prerequisites for peaceful and sustainable development.

- The European Union attaches great importance to a successful development of SADC and hopes that the Vienna Conference will be another landmark in the relationship between our regions. Allow me to conclude my statement with the words of President Mandela: „Let us work together to make Southern Africa a region of vibrant economic growth within the framework of a Free Trade Area before the turn of the century."

Thank you.
6th Meeting of the EU-SADC Joint Committee of Senior Officials
Brussels, 9-10 July 1998
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DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE EU-SADC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
3-4 NOVEMBER 1998, VIENNA

1. OPENING
   - Opening Statement by the EU Co-Chairperson
   - Opening Statement by the SADC Co-Chairperson
   - Statement by the European Commission
   - Statement by the SADC Executive Secretary

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. POLITICAL DIALOGUE
   (a) Developments in SADC
   (b) Developments in the EU
   (c) Strengthening Democracy and Support for Human Rights
   (d) Exchange of views on regional and international issues including Conflict Prevention and Resolution

4. REGIONAL INTEGRATION
   (a) Status of SADC Protocols
   (b) SADC Trade Integration, including,
       - Conference on Transport, Trade Liberalisation Seminar, SMEs and Private Sector Development
   (c) Mechanisms for Trade and Investment Promotion between SADC and the EU
5. COOPERATION IN OTHER FIELDS
   (a) Combatting Illicit Drug Trafficking
   (b) Clearance of Landmines
   (c) Combatting HIV/AIDS
   (d) Integration of Demobilised Soldiers in Society

6. OTHER ISSUES
   (a) SADC External Debt Problem
   (b) Perspectives post-Lomé
   (c) Plight of the Child

7. FUTURE PRIORITIES

8. COMMUNIQUE OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

9. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
DRAFT FORMAT OF THE THIRD EU-SADC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

VIENNA, 3-4 NOVEMBER 1998

1. It is suggested to adopt the same format for the Conference as for the Conferences held in Berlin in 1994 and in Windhoek in 1996.

Participation is envisaged from the 13 (or 14) Member States of the SADC, the 15 Member States of the EU, the European Commission and the SADC Secretariat. The ACP Secretariat and the EIB will participate as observers. The Conference is envisaged to last one and a half day (from 3 November to 4 November 1998). The opening session will take place during the morning of the first day (9:45 a.m.) where introductory statements will be made. A limited number of journalists will be present during the opening and closing sessions. The rest of the morning as well as the afternoon of the first day and the morning of the second day will be allocated to discussions of the main themes. Then the priority areas and the joint communiqué, which will have been finalised by the senior officials, will be adopted followed by the closing session and a press conference (held by the Co-Chairpersons, the European Commission and the SADC Secretariat).

2. There will be introductory speeches by the EU Co-Chairperson, the SADC Co-Chairperson, the European Commission and the SADC-Secretariat.

3. The main interventions will be grouped around the following "clusters":
   a. Political dialogue
   b. Regional integration
   c. Co-operation in other fields
   d. Other issues and future priorities

Each cluster will be briefly introduced by a speaker from the SADC and the EU Troika. Thereafter the floor will be open for discussion. The summing up could be left to the Co-Chairpersons.

4. During the closing session there will be statements by the same speakers as for the opening session but in reverse order.

5. Because of the limited time available and in order to allow for a large number of speakers and a free flow of the discussion it is suggested to limit the total speaking time to 10 minutes per delegation.

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1 Participation as a full member or as an observer depends on whether the Seychelles will have finalized ratification to become a full member of SADC by November.
EU-SADC MINISTERIAL MEETING, VIENNA 1998:
ANNOTATED AGENDA

To enable delegations to prepare for the EU/SADC Ministerial meeting to be held in Vienna on 3-4 November 1998, the Presidency transmits the following annotated agenda covering items 3-7.

3. POLITICAL DIALOGUE

- Developments in SADC


- Developments in the EU

  Objective: Review and assessment of EU enlargement. The effect of EMU on SADC.

- Strengthening Democracy and Support for Human Rights

  Objective: Identify joint EU/SADC working practices to promote democracy and good governance. Stress importance of these goals for the strengthening of the private sector and private investment in particular. Underline importance of good working conditions for NGOs. Present EU initiatives: EU Common Position, and Draft Council Regulation; results of EU-SADC Parliamentary Conference.

- Exchange of views on regional and international issues including Conflict Prevention and Resolution and small-arms trafficking.

  Objective: Review of political developments. Capacity building. Implementation of initiatives on conflict prevention and resolution; EU Common Position. Consider possible endorsement of conclusions and follow-up action to the ISS/Saferworld seminar on small-arms trafficking held in South Africa in May. Results of preventative diplomacy and peace-building seminar in Zimbabwe in August.
4. REGIONAL INTEGRATION

- Status of SADC Protocols Of the eight (8) Protocols already signed, only the Protocol on Immunities and Privileges has been ratified by the required two-thirds of the Member States. Only one country has ratified all the Protocols.

  Objective: Identify best methods of encouraging SADC members to ratify and give practical effect to the Protocols.

- SADC Trade Integration, including: State of implementation of SADC internal free trade area, Conference on Transport, Trade Liberalisation Seminar, SMEs and Private Sector Development

  Objective: To be informed by SADC on the level of implementation of the SADC FTA (which SADC Member States have already signed, ratified and implemented the protocol). To consider the results of the Trade Liberalisation Seminar held in Dar Es Salaam in May and of the Transport Conference held in Maputo in September/October. Ratification and implementation of Trade Protocol. Relationship with COMESA (and other trade organisations).

- Mechanisms for Trade and Investment Promotion between SADC and the EU

  Objective: Review of ongoing trade negotiations, especially EU-SA on a Trade and Co-operation Agreement. Measures to boost trade and investment programmes within SADC.
5. CO-OPERATION IN OTHER FIELDS

To consider the results of specific programmes of cooperation between EU and SADC (and timing and venue of future programmes).

- EU-SADC Drug Control Co-operation

  Objective: Review and assessment of the progress of the 'Regional Drug Control Programme for Southern Africa', and priorities for future drugs control action in the region. Results of the Drug Control Conference held in Gaborone in February.

- Clearance of Landmines

  Objective: To consider how this fits with SADC Protocol on the Banning of Production and Use of Anti-Personnel Landmines. EU and SADC initiatives. Ottawa Convention. Mine awareness campaigns.

- Combating HIV/AIDS

  Objective: To consider progress following EU/SADC conference on combatting AIDS/HIV, including information on responsibilities and implementation structures in SADC countries.

- Integration of Demobilised Soldiers in Society

  Objective: Review of current situation (SADC to expand).

- Management of shared river basins

6. **OTHER ISSUES**

- SADC External Debt Problem

- Perspectives post-Lomé.

All SADC members are Lome signatories and members of the ACP. Negotiations on a successor to the current Lome convention (which expires in 2000) will begin/have just started. Regional economic partnerships.


7. **FUTURE PRIORITIES**

- Review of progress since Windhoek.

- Priorities for the next two years

  Objective: To endorse the priorities agreed at the meeting of the Joint Committee of Senior Officials held in Lusaka in December 1997.

- Preparation of future meetings.
DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE
ON THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) AND
THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 3-4 NOVEMBER 1998

1. The Third EU/SADC Ministerial Conference took place in Vienna, Austria on
3-4 November 1998. The Conference was attended by Ministers from the
Member States of the EU and SADC, _____, and _______ (see Annex 1 for the
list of participants). The Conference was co-chaired by _______ and
__________. The Conference was also attended by the European Investment
Bank and the ACP Secretariat as Observers.

2. The Conference was officially opened by _______. In his statement,
_______, speaking for [EU/SADC] said "__________________." Statements
were also made by the two Chairpersons, by the European Commission(er) and the
Executive Secretary of SADC. The speakers summarized the developments and
achievements since the last EU/SADC Ministerial Conference held in Windhoek
on 14 - 15 October 1996, which had built on the cooperation identified by the
Berlin Declaration.

3. The two parties reaffirmed the importance they attach to respect for human rights,
good governance, the rule of law, and the principles of democracy, as reflected in
the understanding that these are constant themes underlying the issues considered
by the two parties.

4. Both parties agreed on the importance of consolidating the work already
undertaken in the EU-SADC relations, and to further strengthen relations between
the two regions. In this context, however, they also agreed to consider a possible
focus on new topics as appropriate.

5. The discussion during the Conference was centred around the following issues:

5.1 Overall review of progress since the 1996 Windhoek Conference
5.1.1 Five meetings of the EU/SADC Joint Steering Committee, and three meetings of the Joint Committee of Senior Officials had been held in Southern Africa and Europe between November 1996 and November 1998.

5.1.2 With the recent entry into force of the 8th European Development Fund, the European Commission is making available to SADC an indicative envelope of 121 million ECU for a programme of regional financial and technical co-operation. This is in addition to other financing from which the countries of Southern Africa could benefit under other Community financial resources.

5.2 Political Dialogue
   - Developments in SADC
   - Developments in EU

5.2.1 The Conference reviewed progress and developments since the 1996 Windhoek Conference and noted that: [to be updated closer to the Vienna Ministerial]

5.2.2 Regarding the membership of SADC, the Conference noted that the Democratic Republic of Congo had now formally joined, and that the Seychelles had been accepted as a full member. The parties considered the benefits _________

5.2.3 With regard to political developments in the EU, the Conference noted that [Developments in the EU]
5.2.4 The Conference welcomed the measures taken to promote democracy and good governance, particularly noting the outcome of the EU-SADC Parliamentary Conference in Vienna in October 1998 and other constructive initiatives in this area.

5.2.5 The Conference endorsed efforts by both sides in the fields of conflict prevention and resolution, welcoming the military exercises "Blue Hungwe", which took place in April 1997, and "Blue Crane", ongoing at the time of the Conference, as prime examples of capacity building for a regional peace-keeping force. The Conference noted with satisfaction the results of the Seminar "Preventive Diplomacy and Peace-building in Southern Africa" in Kadoma, Zimbabwe in August 1998.

5.3 Regional integration

5.3.1 The Conference expressed its appreciation for the progress SADC has continued to make on regional integration. The Conference stressed the particular importance that the implementation of a free trade area within SADC will have on the economies of all member countries and on the region as a whole. The Conference noted the following state of implementation ______. The Conference also welcomed the signing of the following Protocols: [SADC to provide details]

a.

b.

c.

5.3.2 The Conference noted with satisfaction that work was underway to finalise Protocols on: [SADC to provide details]

a.

b.

c.

The Conference recognised that further work was needed on the ratification of these protocols and their effective entry into force.

5.3.3 The EU reaffirmed its commitment to continue supporting SADC's own efforts in this area, and to work to improve the mechanisms for trade and investment promotion between SADC and the EU and the integration process within SADC.
5.3.4 The Conference noted that a seminar on trade liberalisation had taken place in Dar Es Salaam in May 1998. The aim of the seminar was to introduce trade policy discussion into the EU/SADC dialogue launched at the Berlin Ministerial Conference in 1994. The Conference underlined the particular usefulness of this seminar and agreed on the necessity of further activities of this kind.

5.3.5 Conference on Transport in Maputo in October 1998. [Presidency to provide details after event].

5.4 Cooperation in other fields. The parties noted that, since the Windhoek Conference, the EU and SADC had worked together on other areas of mutual interest.

5.4.1 Combatting illicit drug trafficking. An EU-SADC Drugs Control Conference was held in Gabarone in February 1998. This indicated a broad recognition of the seriousness of the issue and a real need to address both supply and demand reduction, in the wider context of sound social and economic development. SADC Member States are committed to rapidly completing the ratification of the SADC Protocol on Combatting Illicit Drug Trafficking. The EU is committed to support the implementation of the SADC Regional Drugs Control Programme.

5.4.2 The Conference highlighted the growing awareness of the tragic impact of landmines on the populations in many regions of the world struggling to recover from the effects of armed conflict. It welcomed the follow-up given to the landmines clearance issue since the previous Windhoek Conference noted that an EU-funded SADC landmines initiative is currently under implementation, which is coordinated by the SADC Committee of Demining Experts. In addition, since 1995 some ECU 25 million have been allocated by the European Commission for mine clearance actions within countries of the SADC Region. The Conference also noted other initiatives to tackle the problems of landmines, including mine awareness campaigns and international responses such as the signing in Ottawa of the Convention to ban the use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Landmines and on their Destruction.
5.4.3 Combatting HIV/AIDS. SADC to provide details.

5.4.4 Integration of demobilised soldiers in society. The parties recognised the complexity of this issue; and that an adequate response to the problem would require the successful implementation of other relevant programmes embracing a range from trade and investment, good governance, and social/economic issues.

5.4.5 Management of Shared River Basins. SADC to provide details: ratification of Protocol; integration of recommendations adopted at the Maseru Conference in the sectoral programme of action.

5.5 Other issues

5.5.1 SADC External Debt Problem

5.5.2 Perspectives post-Lomé.

5.5.3 Plight of the Child - Child abductions/child soldiers.

6. Future priorities. The Conference agreed on the following priorities:

- strengthening democracy in the SADC region
- combatting illicit drug trafficking
- clearance of landmines
- promoting regional integration
- promotion of trade and investment in the SADC region
- water and energy resources management
- combatting HIV/AIDS

7. The parties further decided, in the period ahead, on a number of specific issues in order to consolidate the progress to date and to build thereon. These issues will include:

a.

b.

c.
8. The Conference endorsed the proposals adopted by the meeting of the Joint Committee of Senior Officials [timing and venue of next Ministerial meeting?]

9. [Concluding remarks from SADC]

10. [Concluding remarks from EU]

11. Finally, the Conference expressed its appreciation and gratitude to the Government and people of Austria for the hospitality extended to the delegates and for the excellent arrangements and facilities provided for the Conference.
The 3rd EU-SADC Ministerial Conference will be held in the Grosser Redoutensaal of the Wiener Hofburg. Our work will start on 3 November at 9.45. The traditional ‘family photograph’ is scheduled for 12.45. Immediately thereafter, the Federal President will host a lunch for the heads of the delegations. The conference will continue at 3 p.m.

In the evening there will be an Austrian/African jazz concert with Joe Zawinul in the Pallavicini Palace at 7.30. This will be followed by a buffet dinner to complete the first day of the conference.

The second day of the conference, 4 November, will start at 9 a.m. The two chairpersons, accompanied by representatives of the European Commission and the SADC Secretariat, will be holding a press conference after the results - of what we hope will be a fruitful exchange of ideas - have been recorded in a final joint communiqué. The conference will end with a lunch at the Hotel Vienna Plaza at about 1 p.m.

Anyone wishing to speak at the plenary session may do so in any of the 11 official EU languages; German, English, French and Portuguese interpreters will be on hand.

The conference room itself only has space for 1+3 delegates per delegation; we ask for your understanding in this regard.

Presently Austria is sending out the formal invitations to attend the Conference to the EU and SADC Foreign Ministers, to the European Commission and to the SADC-Secretariat. The President of the European Investment Bank and the ACP-General Secretary will be invited to participate as observers.

A registration form will come with the invitation and we will ask you to let us know the composition of your delegation, your travel dates and any accommodation requirements you may have. Most of European delegations have already fixed their accommodation arrangements. For the heads of the SADC delegations and for two additional members from each SADC-delegation the Austrian government will be providing accommodation at the Hotel Vienna Plaza for the duration of the conference (2-4 November 1998).

More details on the practical arrangements will be provided at the meeting of the EU-SADC Joint Steering Committee in September.
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Wichtig: Um die Zimmerreservierung zu bestätigen, benötigen wir Ihre Kreditkartennummer. Die Bezahlung Ihres Aufenthaltes ist im Hotel direkt vorzunehmen. Für das Hotel gilt die im voraus gebuchte Anzahl von Nächten als Abrechnungsgrundlage.

Important: Your credit card number is required to secure the room. Payment should be made directly at the hotel at the time of your stay. The hotel uses the number of nights booked in advance as the basis for billing.

Important: Le numéro de votre carte de crédit est nécessaire pour effectuer la réservation de la chambre. Veuillez régler le paiement directement à l’hôtel pendant votre séjour. Le nombre de nuitées réservées à l’avance constitue la base de facturation.

Ich buche / I book / je réserve

Bitte ankreuzen / please mark / veuillez indiquer
☐ Einbettzimmer/single room/chambre single
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Rates in Austrian Schillings, per room/night, including breakfast, taxes and charges.
Les prix en Schilling Autrichien s’entendent par chambre/nuit, petit déjeuner etc.

BUCHUNGSGARANTIE / GUARANTEE OF ROOM RESERVATION / GARANTIE POUR RESERVATION D’HOTEL

Kreditkarte / credit card / carte crédit
☐ Diners ☐ Visa ☐ Euro / Mastercard ☐ Amexco
Nr./no. ________________________

Ablaufdatum / expiration date / validité ________________________

Name des Karteninhabers in Blockschrift:
Name of the cardholder in block letters:
Non du propriétaire de la carte crédit en lettres majuscules:

Änderungen und Stornierungen / Changes and cancellations of confirmed rooms / annulations des chambres

Changes and cancellations of confirmed rooms must be sent in writing to the congress office Austropa Interconvention. A cancellation fee equal to one night will be charged for any room cancelled within 7 days prior to the arrival date or for non-occupation of the room on the booked day of arrival.

Le changement ou l’annulation d’une réservation doit être adressé par écrit au bureau de congrès Austropa Interconvention. En cas d’annulation dans les sept jours précédant la date d’arrivée prévue ou de non-occupation de la chambre, des frais d’annulation s’élèvent au prix d’une nuit vous seront facturés.

Ort / place / lieu

Datum / date

Unterschrift / signature