INFORMATION NOTE

FROM: Secretariat

SUBJECT: Eighth EU-SADC Joint Steering Committee, Pretoria, South Africa, 17 April 1998

The EU-SADC Joint Steering Committee agreed on the annexed minutes of its eighth meeting which took place in Pretoria, South Africa on 17 April 1998.
Agreed Minutes of the 8th SADC-EU Joint Steering Committee Meeting,
Pretoria, 17 April 1998

1. The 8th Meeting of the SADC-EU Joint Steering Committee (JSC) took place in Pretoria on 17 April 1998.

2. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr Richard Dales (EU Presidency) and Mrs T. Itenge-Emvula, Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Namibia.

3. The JSC agreed on the following:

3.1 The dates for the SADC-EU Ministerial Conference in Vienna are 3-4 November 1998.

3.2 Proposed dates for meetings of the JSC and the Joint Committee of Senior Officials (JCSO) to prepare for the Ministerial Conference, are:

(iii) The 11th JSC and the 7th JCSO on 2 November 1998 on the eve of the Ministerial Conference in Vienna.

4. The JSC agreed a draft agenda (Annex I) for the Ministerial Conference, for submission to the 6th JCSO in July.

5. The JSC agreed that the first drafts of the Joint Communique and an annotated agenda of the Ministerial Conference should be available for discussion at the 6th JCSO in July. It was agreed that the EU would initiate this work and transmit the results to SADC for its consideration well in advance of the 6th JCSO.

6. The JSC noted that reports of events in the context of SADC-EU cooperation taking place before the Ministerial Conference would be available beforehand to inform Ministerial discussion.

7. The JSC agreed that, to facilitate communication, the points of contact between SADC and the EU would be the SADC Secretariat and the EU Presidency.

8. The EU delegation informed the SADC delegation of its intention to hold an EU-Africa Summit of Heads of State/Government in the year 2000.
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