INFORMATION NOTE

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Subject: Meeting of the 10th EU - SADC Joint Steering Committee in Windhoek, Namibia, 24-25 September 1998

The second EU-SADC(1) Ministerial Conference in Windhoek, Namibia on 14-15 October 1996 (doc. 11194/96) agreed to create a joint institutional framework to follow up on the implementation of the Berlin declaration(2). This framework comprises the holding of at least one meeting per year of the Joint Steering Committee (Troika), an annual meeting of the Joint Committee of Senior Officials and the holding of a Ministerial Conference when necessary to realise the objectives of the Berlin declaration.

According to the timetable agreed at the Joint Committee of Senior Officials(3), a Joint Steering Committee is scheduled to take place in Windhoek, Namibia, on 24-25 September 1998 to prepare for the third EU-SADC Ministerial Conference in Vienna, 3-4 November 1998. This meeting has been prepared by the Africa Group at the latest at its meeting on 7 September 1998. It agreed to suggest the annexed agenda to the SADC side for approval before the meeting.

(1) The Southern African Development Community (SADC) is made up of the following 13 countries in Africa: Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Seychelles, for the moment an observer to SADC, will become a full member after finalizing ratification.

(2) Adopted at the first SADC/EU Ministerial Conference in Berlin on 5-6 October 1994 (doc. 9287/94).

(3) Agreed minutes of the sixth EU-SADC Joint Committee of Senior Officials held in Brussels on 9-10 July 1998 (doc. 10353/98).
AGENDA FOR THE 10th EU-SADC JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE
24 AND 25 SEPTEMBER 1998 IN WINDHOEK

1. Practical arrangements for the Third EU-SADC Ministerial Conference, Vienna, 3-4 November 1998

2. (a) draft agenda of the Vienna Conference
   (b) draft format of the Vienna Conference
   (c) draft final communique of the Vienna Conference

3. Any other business