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and
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

**Framework Agreement on co-operation (with annex). Signed
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FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT¹ ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL,

of the one part,

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

of the other part,

CONSIDERING the friendly relations and traditional links between the Member States of the European Economic Community, hereinafter referred to as the "Community" and the Federative Republic of Brazil, hereinafter referred to as "Brazil",

REAFFIRMING the importance they attach to the principles of the United Nations Charter, to democratic values and to respecting human rights,

MINDFUL of their common will to expand and diversify trade between them and to step up co-operation in trade, economic matters, science and technology and financial matters,

RECOGNIZING the positive consequences of the process of reform, modernization of the economy and liberalization of trade in Brazil for trade and economic relations between the Parties,

WELCOMING the institutionalization of dialogue between the Rio Group and the Community and its Member States given tangible form through the Rome Declaration of 20 December 1990,² as well as the furthering of integration through the Southern Cone Common Market (Mercosul),

RECOGNIZING the importance of greater environmental protection coupled with the need for sustainable economic and social development,

¹ Came into force on 1 November 1995, i.e., the first day of the month following the date on which the Contracting Parties had notified each other of the completion of the necessary procedures, in accordance with article 33.

² *Bulletin of the European Communities*, No. 12, 1990, vol. 23, p. 193.

CONVINCED of the importance of the rules and principles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)¹ for open international trade, and reaffirming their commitments under that Agreement and their respect for intellectual property rights and freedom of investment,

RECOGNIZING the need to promote social rights and in particular the rights of the most disadvantaged sectors,

HAVE DECIDED to conclude this Agreement and to this end have designated as their Plenipotentiaries:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL,

Celso LAFER,

Minister for External Relations,

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

João de Deus PINHEIRO,

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic,
President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities,

Abel MATUTES,

Member of the Commission of the European Communities,

WHO, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Democratic basis for co-operation

Co-operation ties between the Community and Brazil and this Agreement in its entirety are based on respect for the democratic principles and human rights

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 87.

which inspire the domestic and international policies of both the Community and Brazil and which constitute an essential component of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2

Strengthening of co-operation

1. The Contracting Parties hereby undertake to impart renewed vigour to relations between them. To achieve this essential objective, they resolve to promote in particular the development of co-operation relating to trade, investment, finance and technology, taking account of Brazil's special situation as a developing country.

2. The Contracting Parties acknowledge the value, in the light of the aims of this Agreement, of consulting each other on international issues of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 3

Economic co-operation

1. The Contracting Parties, taking into account their mutual interest and long- and medium-term economic objectives, undertake to establish economic co-operation of the widest possible scope. The aims of such co-operation shall be in particular:

- (a) generally to step up and diversify economic links between them,
- (b) to contribute to the sustainable development of their economies and standards of living,
- (c) to promote the expansion of trade in order to achieve diversification and open up new markets,
- (d) to encourage the flow of investment, the transfer of technology and strengthen the protection of investment,

- (e) to promote co-operation between economic operators, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises,
- (f) to establish conditions conducive to job-creation,
- (g) to protect and improve the environment,
- (h) to encourage rural development measures,
- (i) to strengthen the scientific foundation and capacity for innovation of the Contracting Parties,
- (j) to support efforts and initiatives for regional integration.

2. Without excluding any area from the outset, the Contracting Parties shall, in their mutual interest and with regard to their respective competence and capacities, determine by common agreement the spheres to be covered by economic co-operation. Co-operation shall centre particularly on the following:

- (a) industry,
- (b) the use of natural resources against a background of sustainable development,
- (c) intellectual property, including industrial property, standards and quality criteria,
- (d) health and plant-health regulations,
- (e) services in general, and tourism and transport in particular,
- (f) data processing, electronics, telecommunications, the use of space technology,
- (g) information on monetary matters.

3. In the interests of attaining the objectives of economic co-operation, the Contracting Parties shall, each in accordance with its laws, endeavour to promote activities including the following: