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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS: CORRIGENDUM

Subject: Final Act to the Interim Agreement with a view to an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part

Pages AF/CE/SADC/D/en 4 and 5 shall be added:

JOINT DECLARATION ON A TARIFF ALIGNMENT IN VIEW OF PRESERVING SACU
TARIFF COHERENCE

The Parties acknowledge that the signature of the interim Economic Partnership Agreement (the "Agreement") signals the commitment of both sides to support the process of regional integration under the SADC and SACU Treaties. The parties recognise the progress achieved during the meeting held in Namibia on 10-12 March 2009 and the tariff alignment deal agreed between the chief negotiators that identified the necessary technical amendments to the tariff treatment provided for in Annex 3 of the Agreement that will avoid any potential disruption to the smooth functioning of the SACU Customs Union. Recognising the importance of proceeding with signature of the agreement, the parties therefore aim to hold a meeting of the joint EPA council established by the Agreement at the earliest opportunity to allow a decision, making these technical amendments to be taken without delay.

JOINT DECLARATION ON CONCLUSION OF A FULL ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP
AGREEMENT

The Parties acknowledge that the signature of the interim Economic Partnership Agreement (the "Agreement") signals the commitment of both sides to support the process of regional integration under the SADC and SACU Treaties. The parties recognise the progress achieved during the meeting held in Namibia on 10-12 March 2009 and the new texts that have been agreed between the chief negotiators on the following key issues: export taxes, infant industry, prohibition of quantitative restrictions, food security, and free circulation. The Parties will instruct their negotiators to consider these new texts as the basis for the full EPA text to be negotiated and shall aim at concluding these full EPA negotiations, as rapidly as possible as both sides agreed to pursue negotiations on the remaining issues of concern with a view to find mutually acceptable solutions in the context of the Full EPA negotiations.