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POSTPONEMENT OF THE 16TH SACU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING **SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2008** **WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

1. The 16th SACU Council of Ministers Meeting scheduled for Friday 26 September 2008 in Windhoek, Namibia has been postponed.
2. The meeting was postponed due to the lack of a quorum. According to the Rules of Procedure for SACU Council meetings, the quorum for the meeting of the Council shall be by at least one Minister from each Member State. It emerged, during the course of the Commission meeting that two of the five Member States, Swaziland and South Africa, were unable to attend the Council meeting, hence the postponement. This situation was not foreseen at the time of preparing for this meeting.
3. The decision to postpone the meeting was taken following consultations between the SACU Council of Ministers Chairperson, and the Member States. Consultations are ongoing to determine a new date for the meeting.

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