

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Recommendations for Council Regulations (EEC)

Concluding Agreements between the European Economic Community and

- the Arab Republic of Egypt
- the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- the Syrian Arab Republic

Recommendation for a Council Decision

authorizing the Commission to open negotiations with Egypt, Jordan and Syria for the conclusion of interim agreements.

(submitted by the Commission to the Council)

N.B. The texts of the draft agreements, declarations, and exchange of letters, to be annexed to the three recommendations for regulations, have already been sent to the Council under the following numbers:

SEC(76) 3932 Syria

SEC(76) 3933 Jordan

SEC(76) 3934 Egypt

COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL

on the negotiations between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic

1. The negotiations between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic for the conclusion of Agreements in the context of the overall Mediterranean policy ended on 15, 28 and 29 October 1976 respectively.

The texts of the draft agreements, protocols, declarations and exchanges of letters to be annexed to the Final Act were initialled by the Heads of Delegation, who indicated their agreement on the contents except for Article 2(1) of the financial protocols as regards the duration of the latter¹.

The Egyptian, Jordanian and Syrian Delegations requested that the Community reconsider its position on this matter and that, the better to take account of the economic and financial situation of their countries, the duration of the financial protocols be fixed at three years from the date of ratification or four years from the date of signature of the Agreement.

The initialled texts of the Agreements represent the results of negotiations conducted on the basis of the Council directives of 16 January 1976 and the supplementary directives of 15 September 1976.

2. A decision on the request presented by the three countries must be taken by the Council. Since the request concerns the only point outstanding, the resolution of which would permit the negotiations to be concluded, the Commission considers that a response should be made to the preoccupations expressed by the countries in question. To that end the Commission suggests that the date of expiry of the financial protocols with the three Mashreq countries be fixed as

¹ These documents were transmitted to the Council under the numbers SEC(76)3932 Syria, SEC(76)3933 Jordan and SEC(76)3934 Egypt.

31 October 1981, that is the same date of expiry as the financial protocols concluded with the three Maghreb countries.

The Commission considers that such a solution would enable the negotiations to be concluded and thus set in motion the procedures for the signature and conclusion of the Agreements. The Commission accordingly transmits herewith to the Council recommendations for regulations concluding the Agreements (Annex I).

The Commission points out that the Heads of the Egyptian, Jordanian and Syrian Delegations have asked that the procedures be completed in time for the Agreements to be signed in their capitals before the end of 1976.

3. The Commission also informs the Council that the delegations have stated in an exchange of letters their readiness to sign, at the same time as the Agreements, interim agreements on the advance implementation of the trade provisions of those Agreements. The Commission accordingly transmits herewith to the Council a recommendation for a decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of interim agreements (Annex II).

4. During the negotiations, moreover, the Egyptian, Jordanian and Syrian Delegations asked that the Council be informed of their Governments' formal request that Commission delegations be established in Egypt, Jordan and Syria. The mission of these delegations would be to ensure and facilitate the implementation of the Agreements concluded with the countries in question, in particular as regards economic cooperation, and also to facilitate the management of the amounts committed in those countries in respect of financial and technical assistance.

RECOMMENDATION

FOR

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No _____

concluding an Agreement between the European Economic
Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 238 thereof,

Having regard to the Recommendation from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas the Agreement between the European Economic Community and
Egypt signed at on should be
concluded,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Economic Community and Egypt and
the Declarations and Exchanges of Letters annexed to the Final Act are
hereby concluded, adopted and confirmed on behalf of the Community.

The texts of the Agreement and of the Final Act are annexed to this
Regulation.

Article 2

Pursuant to Article 51 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Egypt, the President of the Council of the European Communities shall give notification that the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement have been completed on the part of the Community.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at

For the Council

RECOMMENDATION

FOR

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No _____

concluding an Agreement between the European Economic
Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 238 thereof,

Having regard to the Recommendation from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas the Agreement between the European Economic Community and
Jordan signed at on should be
concluded,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Economic Community and Jordan and
the Declarations and Exchanges of Letters annexed to the Final Act are
hereby concluded, adopted and confirmed on behalf of the Community.

The texts of the Agreement and of the Final Act are annexed to this
Regulation.

Article 2

Pursuant to Article 48 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Jordan, the President of the Council of the European Communities shall give notification that the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement have been completed on the part of the Community.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at

For the Council

RECOMMENDATION

FOR

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No

concluding an Agreement between the European Economic
Community and the Syrian Arab Republic

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 238 thereof,

Having regard to the Recommendation from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas the Agreement between the European Economic Community and
Syria signed at on should be
concluded,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Economic Community and Syria and
the Declarations and Exchanges of Letters annexed to the Final Act are
hereby concluded, adopted and confirmed on behalf of the Community.

The texts of the Agreement and of the Final Act are annexed to this
Regulation.

Article 2

Pursuant to Article 43 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Syria, the President of the Council of the European Communities shall give notification that the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement have been completed on the part of the Community.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at

For the Council

RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

authorizing the Commission to open negotiations
with Egypt, Jordan and Syria for the conclusion of interim agreements

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic
Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the Recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas the negotiations for the conclusion of Agreements between
the European Economic Community and Egypt, Jordan and Syria have been
completed;

Whereas pending the entry into force of those Agreements certain
provisions relating to trade in goods should be implemented as soon
as possible following the signing of the Agreements,

HAS DECIDED:

Sole Article

The Commission is hereby authorized to open negotiations for the
conclusion of interim agreements on trade in goods between the
European Economic Community and Egypt, Jordan and Syria in accordance
with the directives annexed hereto.

The Commission shall conduct the negotiations in consultation with
the Article 113 Committee.

Done at

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

1. The interim agreements shall embody the provisions of the future Agreements relating to trade in goods.
2. The interim agreements shall be applicable until the entry into force of the Agreements or until 31 December 1977, whichever is the earlier.
3. Bodies will be set up to administer the interim agreements.