

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Recommendation for a

COUNCIL DECISION

on the conclusion of the Protocols extending for the fourth and fifth
times the Wheat Trade Convention and the Food Aid Convention constituting

the International Wheat Agreement, 1971

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL
RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNCIL CONCLUDE THE 1978
AND 1979 PROTOCOLS EXTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL
WHEAT AGREEMENT, 1971

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PROCEDURE

1. The Community has not yet deposited the instruments of conclusion by the Council of the 1978 Protocol extending until 30 June 1979 the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, and the 1979 Protocol extending the same Agreement until 30 June 1980, because one Member State had not deposited its instruments of ratification of the said Protocols.
2. Since Italy has now fulfilled its obligations (all the other Member States had already done so), there is no longer any obstacle to the conclusion by the Council of the 1978 and 1979 Protocols extending the International Wheat Agreement, 1971.
3. Italy has not yet deposited its instrument of ratification of the 1979 Protocol. Nevertheless, the Commission takes the view that the Community as such can conclude this Protocol as well since the procedures for ratification by Italy are already under way and no problems of substance are likely to be encountered.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

4. The conclusion by the Council of the 1978 and 1979 Protocols extending the International Wheat Agreement will not entail any expenditure additional to that already committed by the decisions taken in 1974, 1975 and 1976 to apply the Protocols provisionally.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. The Commission therefore recommends that the Council approve the draft Decision attached hereto.

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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,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Protocols extending for the fourth and fifth times the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, is hereby approved on behalf of the European Economic Community.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to deposit the instruments of conclusion of the abovementioned Protocols with the Government of the United States of America.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President