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Introduction

The Republic of Kiribati acceded to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé on 30 October 1979, and signed the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé on 31 October 1979.

By its Decision of 9 May 1980, the ACP-EEC Council added the Republic of Kiribati to the list of the least developed ACP States in Article 48 of the Lomé Convention.

The purpose of this draft decision is to include the Republic of Kiribati in the lists of least developed and island ACP States in the second Lomé Convention. The social and economic situation in Kiribati, which is comparable with that in the other ACP States in the lists, justifies its inclusion. Furthermore, there has been a serious and lasting deterioration in the situation since phosphate working at Banaba stopped at the beginning of this year.

The inclusion of the Republic of Kiribati in the list of Island ACP States is justified by its geographical characteristics - the country is an archipelago comprising several groups of islands.

Draft Decision of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers

amending the list of the least developed ACP States

THE ACP-EEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

Having regard to the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé signed on 31 October 1971, and in particular Article 155(4) thereof,

Whereas the Republic of Kiribati did not accede to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé until 30 October 1979;

Whereas by Decision No. 5/80 of the ACP-EEC Council of 9 May 1980 amending the list of the least developed ACP States the Republic of Kiribati was added to the list of ACP States in Article 48(2) of the Convention;

Whereas the Republic of Kiribati is not included in the list in Article 155(3) of the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé signed on 31 October 1979;

Whereas the economic and social situation in the Republic of Kiribati justifies its inclusion in the list of the least developed ACP States and its geographical position justifies its inclusion in the list of island ACP States;

Whereas its economic and social situation has suffered a significant and lasting deterioration as a result of the closure of the phosphate mines at Banaba,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

As from the date of entry into force of the Convention, the Republic of Kiribati shall be added to the list of ACP States in Article 155(3)(a) and (c) of the Convention.

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Article 2

The ACP States, the Member States and the Community shall be required, each for its own part, to take the necessary steps to implement this Decision.

Done at Brussels,

For the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers

The President