

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION  
AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE  
AN INTERIM TRADE AGREEMENT WITH ZIMBABWE

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(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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Commission Communication to the Council

The negotiations between the Republic of Zimbabwe and the Community have now been completed and the agreement for the accession of Zimbabwe to the second ACP-EEC Convention signed in Lomé on 31 October 1979 has been initialled by the contracting parties.

As this agreement (and also the agreement on products within the province of the European Coal and Steel Community) cannot enter into force until it has been ratified by the signatory states in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements, the Commission considers it politically desirable to grant Zimbabwe interim trade arrangements which will apply from 1 January 1981 (when the trade arrangements similar to those of the OCT will no longer be in effect and it will not be possible, for obvious reasons, to extend them) until the date of actual application of the accession agreement.

The Commission proposal is that interim contractual trade arrangements be made for Zimbabwe.

These arrangements would comprise, in substance, the provisions on trade contained in the second ACP-EEC Convention, signed in Lomé on 31 October 1979.

The adoption of these provisions would amount to according Zimbabwe trade treatment similar to that enjoyed at present by the ACP States, to which the relevant trade provisions in the Convention will apply as soon as it enters into force.

Consequently, the Commission recommends that the Council adopt the decision attached hereto.

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Recommendation for a  
COUNCIL DECISION (EEC)

authorizing the Commission to negotiate an interim trade agreement with Zimbabwe

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 agreement on the accession of Zimbabwe to the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé was signed on ;

Whereas the said agreement can enter into force only after ratification and whereas, consequently, interim arrangements should be made for trade between Zimbabwe and the Community,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Commission is hereby authorized to negotiate an interim agreement between the European Economic Community and Zimbabwe in order to establish the trade arrangements applicable as from 1 January 1981.

The Commission shall conduct the negotiations in consultation with a committee composed of representatives of the Member States, in accordance with the directives annexed hereto.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

DIRECTIVES

The interim agreement must provide for trade arrangements between the European Economic Community and Zimbabwe, to be applicable as from 1 January 1981 and identical to those contained in the second ACP-EEC Convention, signed at Lomé on 31 October 1979.