COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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COMMISSION DECISION (ECSC) and Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION

on the conclusion of the fourth ACP-EEC Lomé Convention

Explanatory memorandum

Attached is a draft Decision of the Council and the Commission of the European Communities on the conclusion on behalf of the two Communities concerned of the Convention signed in Lomé on 15 December 1989.

This Decision will enable the Community to deposit the act of notification - necessary to enable the Convention to enter into force - on time.

The Convention must be concluded by the Commission as well as the Council because the Protocol concerning ECSC products forms an integral part of the Convention and the Commission is competent to act under the ECSC Treaty (formula corresponding to that used for the signature of the Convention).

A single act of conclusion is appropriate; the President of the Council alone should deposit the act of notification.

Draft Decision (KRC, RCSC)

of the Council and the Commission

on the conclusion of the fourth

ACP-EBC Loné Convention

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community,

Having regard to the assent of the European Parliament, 1

Whereas the fourth ACP-EEC Convention, signed in Lomé on 15 December 1989, should be concluded,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The fourth ACP-EEC Lomé Convention, the Protocols and declarations annexed thereto and the declarations attached to the Final Act are hereby approved on behalf of the European Economic Community and the European Coal and Steel Community.

The texts of the Convention, the Protocols and declarations and the Final Act are attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, as regards the European Economic Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, deposit the act of notification provided for in Article 360 of the Convention.²

Done at Brussels,

For the Council The President For the Commission The President

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² The date of entry into force of the Convention will be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Financial statement

No implications for the EEC budget.

Impact on SME

The explassis in the new Convention on stepping up support for the private sector in general - and SME in particular - and promoting investment in ACP countries will certainly broaden the scope for interested European SME to participate in cooperation activities.

This topic has already been discussed by Parliament, the ACP-EEC Joint Assembly and the Economic and Social Committee on a number of occasions, with favourable results.

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