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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

on the position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995, concerning the export of certain steel products from Romania to the Community

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The aim of the double-checking system is to improve transparency and to avoid possible diversions of trade. It is founded on the provision in the EC-Romania Europe Agreement¹ which allows either Party to introduce an administrative procedure having as its purpose the rapid provision of information on the trend of trade flows. The Parties agreed to establish such a system in 1998 in respect of certain ECSC steel products by means of Association Council Decision N° 3/97². Council Regulation (EC) N° 84/98³ established the corresponding implementing legislation for the Community.

At its meeting on 14 October 1998, the Contact Group agreed to recommend that the Association Council should extend the double-checking system for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1999.

The attached proposal consequently seeks to extend Association Council Decision N° 3/97 for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1999.

¹ OJ N° L 357, 31.12.94, p. 2.

² OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 57.

³ OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 1.

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The Council of the European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 together with Article 228, para 2, first sentence,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Decision of the Council and the Commission of 19 December 1994 on the conclusion of the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas the Contact Group referred to in Article 11 of Protocol 2 of the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part and Romania of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995¹, met on 14 October 1998 to discuss trends in imports of ECSC products from Romania into the Community and recognised the need to find appropriate solutions in the framework of Article 34.2 of the Agreement in order to ensure that the attainment of the objectives of the Agreement will not be jeopardised;

Whereas the Contact Group therefore agreed to recommend to the Association Council established under Article 106 of the Agreement that the double-checking system introduced in 1998 by Association Council Decision N° 3/97² should be renewed for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1999;

Whereas the Parties are desirous to promote the orderly and equitable development of trade in steel between the Community and Romania;

Whereas the Association Council, having been supplied with all relevant information, has determined that the solution acceptable to the two parties which least disturbs the functioning of the Agreement is the renewal of the double-checking system, without quantitative limits, for the import into the Community of certain steel products covered by the ECSC Treaty between 1 January and 31 December 1999,

¹ OJ N° L 357, 31.12.94, p.2

² OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 57.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, concerning the export of certain steel products from Romania to the European Communities, and in particular the renewal of the double-checking system, shall be based on the draft decision of the Association Council annexed to this Decision.

Done at Brussels

For the Council

Decision N°/98 of the Association Council,
established under the Europe Agreement,
between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and
Romania, of the other part

of 1998

extending the double-checking system established by Decision N° 3/97 of the
Association Council for the period 1 January to 31 December 1999

(98/...../EC)

THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Whereas the Contact Group referred to in Article 11 of Protocol 2 of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995, met on 14 October 1998 and agreed to recommend to the Association Council established under Article 106 of the Agreement that the double-checking system introduced in 1998 by Association Council Decision N° 3/97 should be extended for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1999;

Whereas the Association Council, having been supplied with all relevant information, has agreed with this recommendation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The double-checking system established by Association Council Decision N° 3/97 for the period 1 January to 31 December 1998 shall continue to apply for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1999. In the Preamble and Article 1 (1) and (3) of the Decision, references to the period 1 January to 31 December 1998 are hereby replaced by references to 1 January to 31 December 1999.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1999.

Done at

For the Association Council

The President

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