

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Recommendation for a

COUNCIL DECISION

authorizing the Commission to participate on behalf of the
Community in the negotiations for the renewal of the Inter-
national Olive Oil Agreement

(submitted by the Commission to the Council)

Explanatory Memorandum

The Community as such has been a provisional member of the International Olive Oil Agreement since 1 January 1978.

Since the Agreement, as last prolonged by the Protocol of 7 April 1978, expires on 31 December 1979, a United Nations Conference is to be held in Geneva under the auspices of UNCTAD during the period from 20 March to 6 April 1979 to negotiate a new agreement.

A Special Committee for the preparation of the new agreement to enter into force on 1 January 1980 was set up under a Resolution adopted in Madrid on 8 May 1978 on the occasion of the 38th meeting of the International Olive Oil Council and following the Final Resolution adopted on 7 April 1978 by the United Nations Conference on Olive Oil. The Special Committee is to meet in Madrid from 19 to 27 October and from 11 to 13 December 1978.

Recommendation

The Commission recommends that the Council authorize it, pursuant to Article 113 of the EEC Treaty, to participate on behalf of the Community in the work of the Special Committee and the United Nations Conference to negotiate a new international olive oil agreement.

The Commission will conduct the negotiations in consultation with the committee provided for in Article 113 of the Treaty, on the basis of guidance to be given by the Council in due course.