

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL DECISION

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In implementation of Article 3 of the Council Decision of 16 December 1969 (1) on the progressive standardization of agreements concerning commercial relations between Member States and third countries and on the negotiation of Community agreements, the Commission proposes to the Council that the Member States should be authorized to extend, expressly or tacitly, the trade agreements annexed to the attached proposal for a Council decision. The agreements in question constitute the first batch for 1976 and expire or are due to be terminated between 1 February and 30 April 1976.

The prior consultation specified in Article 2 of this Decision was executed by written procedure. The outcome was the recognition on 15 November 1975, that the United Kingdom will denounce her agreement of 18.3.1970 with Zaire and that the conditions under which the other agreements could be extended for a further year had been fulfilled.

2. The Commission considers it appropriate to point out, moreover, that the proposals for authorizing the Member States to renew or extend, expressly or tacitly, certain agreements in this batch for a further one-year period are by no means indicative of any position it might adopt next time these agreements come up for renewal.

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(1) OJ no L 326 of 29.12.1969, p. 39

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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 Council Decision of 16 December 1969 (1) on the progres-  
sive standardization of agreements concerning commercial relations between  
Member States and third countries and on the negotiation of Community Agree-  
ments, and in particular Article 3 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas prolongation or tacit extension beyond the end of the transitional  
period has already been authorized in the case of the agreements listed in  
the Annex hereto by the Council under its Decisions of 28 January 1969 (2),  
12 May 1969 (3), 8 June 1969 (4), 26 June 1969 (5), 30 June 1969 (6), 15  
September 1969 (7), 20 December 1969 (8), 8 June 1970 (9), 29 September 1970  
(10), 1 March 1971 (11), 25 April 1972 (12), 28 April 1973 (13), 21 March  
1974 (14) and 17 February 1975 (15);

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- (1) OJ No L 326, 29.12.1969, p.39
- (2) OJ No L 43, 20.2.1969, p.15
- (3) OJ No L 117, 16.5.1969, p.9
- (4) OJ No L 133, 28.5.1969, p.14
- (5) OJ No L 159, 1.7.1969, p.20
- (6) OJ No L 169, 10.7.1969, p.2
- (7) OJ No L 238, 23.9.1969, p.9
- (8) OJ No L 6, 9.1.1970, p.1
- (9) OJ No L 133, 18.6.1970, p.14
- (10) OJ No L 225, 12.10.1970, p.24
- (11) OJ No L 56, 1.3.1971, p.8
- (12) OJ No L 112, 14.5.1972, p.10
- (13) OJ No L 124, 10.5.1973, p.22
- (14) OJ No L 93, 4.4.1974, p.23
- (15) OJ No L 62, 7.3.1975, p.32

Whereas the Member States concerned have again, with a view to avoiding interruption in their trade relations with the third countries concerned, based on agreements, requested authorization to prolong or tacitly renew the abovementioned agreements;

Whereas authorization should be granted to maintain trade relations between the Member States and the third countries concerned, on the basis of agreements, pending their replacement by a Community conventional or autonomous system; whereas such authorization should not, therefore, adversely affect the obligation of the Member States to avoid and, where appropriate, to eliminate any incompatibility between such agreements and the provisions of Community law;

Whereas the provisions of the instruments to be either prolonged or tacitly renewed would not, furthermore, during the period under consideration, constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the common commercial policy;

Whereas the Member States concerned have stated that the prolongation or tacit renewal of these agreements would not be likely to constitute an obstacle to either the opening of Community negotiations with the third countries concerned or the transfer of the commercial fabric thereof to Community Agreements, nor would it, during the period under consideration, hinder the adoption of the necessary measures to complete the standardization of the import systems of the Member States;

Whereas, at the conclusion of the consultations provided for in Article 2 of the Decision of 16 December 1969, it was established, as the aforesaid declarations by the Member States confirm, that the provisions of the statements by the Member States confirm, that they do not, therefore, during the period under consideration, constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the common commercial policy;

Whereas, in these circumstances, the agreements may be either prolonged or tacitly renewed for a period not exceeding a year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The trade agreements between Member States and third countries listed in the Annex hereto may be prolonged or tacitly renewed to the dates specified in each case.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President

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Medlemsstat	Tredjeland	Aftalens art og datering	Udløb efter forlængelse eller stitliende videreførelse		
Mitgliedstaat	Drittland	Art und Datum des Abkommens	Ablauf nach Verlängerung oder stillschweigender Verlängerung		
Member State	Third country	Type and date of agreement	Prolonged or tacitly renewed until		
État membre	Pays tiers	Nature et date de l'accord	Échéance après prorogation ou tacite reconduction		
Stato membro	Paese terzo	Natura o data dell'accordo	Scadenza dopo la proroga o il tacito rinnovo		
Lid-Staat	Derde land	Aard en datum van het akkoord	Vervaldatum na al dan niet stilzwijgende verlenging		
BENELUX	Honduras	Handelsakkoord	30. 1.1959	27.5.1977	
	Joegoslavië	Handelsakkoord	18. 6.1958	30.6.1977	
	Marokko	Handelsakkoord	5. 8.1958	30.6.1977	
DANMARK	Indonesien	Handelsaftale	9.9. 1952	30.6.1977	
	Madagaskar	Handelsaftale	10.12.1965	25.6.1977	
	Marokko	Handelsaftale	26. 7. 1961	30.6.1977	
	Senegal	Handelsaftale	11.4. 1962	10.7.1977	
	Spanien	Handelsaftale	1.7. 1960	30.6.1977	
	Tunesien	Handelsaftale	8.6.1960	31.5.1977	
DEUTSCHLAND	Afghanistan	Handelsabkommen	31.1.1958	31.5.1977	
	Island	Handelsabkommen	20.5.1954	30.6.1977	
	Jugoslawien	Handelsabkommen	11.6.1952	} 30.6.1977	
		Protokoll	16.7.1964		
	Philippinen	Handelsabkommen	28.2.1964	12.8.1977	
	Schweden	Abkommen über	Warenverkehr	26.1.1951	30.6.1977
		Türkei		Abkommen über	Warenverkehr
			16.2.1952		

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FRANCE	Grèce RAE (république arabe d'Egypte)	Accord commercial 9.6.1962	30.6.1977
		Accord commercial 10.7.1964	10.7.1977
ITALIA	Austria	Accordo commerciale 19.6.1949	} 30.6.1977
		Scambio di lettere 14.11.1961	
	Colombia	Modus vivendi 19.5.1952	19.6.1977
	Grecia	Accordo commerciale 10.11.1954	30.6.1977
	Somalia	Accordo commerciale e di cooperazione economica e tecnica 1.7.1960	30.6.1977
	Spagna	Accordo commerciale 28.6.1960 Processo verbale 1.4.1967	} 8.6.1977
	Turchia	Accordo commerciale 24.1.1952	31.5.1977