

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION (EEC)

on the temporary continued application to the Independent State
of the Solomon Islands of the arrangements provided for
in Decision 76/568/EEC on the association of the overseas
countries and territories with the European Economic Community

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL

on the provisional application to the Independent State of the Solomon Islands of the arrangements provided for in Decision 76/568/EEC of the association of the overseas countries and territories of the European Economic Communities.

1. The Solomon Islands, overseas country of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will achieve independence on 7 July 1978.
 2. The independent state of the Solomon Islands intends to seek accession to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé.
 3. In view of the delay for the arrangements and procedures to be undertaken for the accession to the Convention of Lomé of a country which has achieved independence, it should be decided to continue to apply provisionally the arrangements, provided for in the Decision relating to OCTs, to the Solomon Islands after the latter accedes to independence and not later than 6 July 1979.
 4. The same provisions were made at the time that the Territory of Afars and Issas became independent as the Republic of Djibouti.
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 76/568/EEC of 29 June 1976 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 78/ /EEC⁽²⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 55(2) thereof,

Whereas, the said subparagraph of Article 55(2) lays down that the arrangements provided for in the Decision may continue to apply temporarily, under conditions laid down by the Council, to countries and territories which become independent;

Whereas the Solomon Islands mentioned in Annex I setting out the list of countries and territories referred to in the Decision will achieve independence and become the Independent State of the Solomon Islands on 7 July 1978;

Whereas it should be decided to continue to apply temporarily the arrangements provided for in the Decision to the Independent State of the Solomon Islands and to lay down the conditions for such application without prejudice to subsequent recourse to the first subparagraph of Article 55(2) and to Article 56 thereof;

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(1) OJ No L 176, 1.7.1976, p. 8

(2) OJ No L

Whereas the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé is open, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 89 thereof, to the accession of a country or territory to which Part Four of the Treaty applies and which becomes independent; whereas such accession can take place only following a request by the State concerned and with the consent of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers;

Whereas the Independent State of the Solomon Islands intends to seek accession to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé;

Whereas, nevertheless, the continued application of the Decision to the Independent State of the Solomon Islands should be limited to a reasonable period,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The arrangements provided for in Decision 76/568/EEC shall remain applicable to the Solomon Islands after the latter to independence, and not later than 6 July 1979.

Article 2

Questions relating to the application of Decision 76/568/EEC to the Solomon Islands after they become independent, shall be dealt with, as necessary, by direct contact between the competent authorities of the Independent State of the Solomon Islands and the competent authorities of the Community.

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Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply with effect from 7 July 1978.

Done at Brussels,
For the Council
The President
