

ACP - EEC CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY

JOINT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

on
SUGAR

(adopted unanimously with 4 abstentions by the Joint Committee
on 24 February 1983)

The Joint Committee of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly meeting
in Kingston (Jamaica) from 21 to 24 February 1983,

- A. RECALLING the resolution adopted by the Consultative Assembly
in Rome in November 1982, in particular paragraphs 45-49
relating to sugar which recognised inter alia the importance
of the guarantees of access and price to the sugar industries
and economies of the ACP States,
- B. REAFFIRMING all other resolutions on sugar adopted by the
Consultative Assembly and its Joint Committee especially the
resolution adopted in Luxembourg in September 1980 which
requested inter alia the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and the
Community to look for ways and means of increasing ACP sugar
quotas,
- C. REALIZING that the increased surplus production of Community
beet sugar is the consequence of high returns to Community
producers of beet sugar resulting from past Community
agricultural funding and that the disposal of large surpluses
on the world market has depressed world prices :

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EMPHASIZES that the price offered for ACP sugar should not automatically be equated to the lowest point in the range of EEC prices especially when such point does not represent an adequate level of remuneration for ACP suppliers;

2. CALLS on the Community to take appropriate measures which will contribute to the speedy conclusion of the reexamination process required by Art. 2(2), in order to facilitate the improved implementation of the sugar protocol;
3. INSISTS that there should be free, effective and genuine negotiation of the ACP guaranteed price for the forthcoming delivery period and subsequent years,
4. WHILE NOTING that, as in the case of Kenya, Congo has been reallocated only part of the quantity of sugar to which it is eligible, insists that both countries should be further reallocated at the earliest opportunity quantities which would bring their supply commitments to the level of their original agreed quantities,
5. INSISTS similarly that Suriname and Uganda should, as and when they could resume deliveries to the Community, receive reallocations taking into account their original agreed quantities;
6. DEPLORES the undue delay by the Community in granting the Ivory Coast a quota commensurate with its production and export capabilities and insists that the Community decide favourably in this regard without further delay;
7. URGES the Commission to take a prompt and positive decision with regard to the long-standing ACP request for permanent

reallocation of a quantity of 801 tonnes (white value) of sugar short-delivered during the first five years of the cooperation of the Protocol;

3. INSISTS THAT the Community should adopt a more appropriate and more realistic sugar regime, the consequential effects of which could enhance the ACP guaranteed price prospects under the Sugar Protocol and thus reinforce the economic viability of ACP sugar;
9. STRESSES that with more realistic world sugar prices which can be attained if Community beet sugar surpluses are not permitted to undermine the world market, ACP cane sugar could continue to provide a firm and economically viable basis for the development and strengthening of the ACP sugar states;
10. STRESSES that reduction of placements of Community beet sugar on the world market would directly and effectively improve the situation of ACP cane sugar on the world market;
11. RENEWS its appeal to the Community and to its Member States to adopt appropriate policies which will facilitate accession to the International Sugar Agreement and thus contribute to the safeguard of the interests of the ACP sugar producing countries both on the Community and the World Markets;
12. URGES the Community to provide assistance with the diversification of production in those ACP countries which are especially dependent upon the production of sugar;
13. EXHORTS the Community and the ACP States participating in the forthcoming UNCTAD VI meeting to alert the international community to the increasingly alarming situation resulting from the development of substitute sweeteners and to the need for appropriate measures to be taken in order to safeguard the interests of traditional sugar producers;

RESOLVES that its Members will ensure that the positions adopted in the relevant Resolutions on the Sugar Protocol, which is a contractual trade agreement, are forcefully projected in other appropriate fora.