COUNCIL DECISION

of 21 December 1978

concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters extending and amending until 30 June 1978 the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) and laying down transitional measures with a view to the conclusion of a new Convention

(79/43/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and in particular Articles 113, 114 and 228 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas on 20 July 1976 the Community concluded a Convention with UNRWA concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East for the period July 1975 to December 1976 (1);

Whereas under Article 10 the Convention may be extended for subsequent periods with or without amendment by agreement between the two parties until 30 June 1978;

Whereas the Convention should, subject to certain amendments, not only be extended until this date but also be applied during the rest of 1978 so that Community aid can be granted in a comprehensive and continuous fashion before the conclusion of a new Convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters extending and amending until 30 June 1978 the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is annexed to this Decision.

Article 2

Pending the conclusion of a new Convention, Community aid to UNRWA shall be supplied for the rest of 1978 in accordance with the modified provisions of the Convention referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the persons empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1978.

For the Council

The President

Otto Graf LAMBSDORFF

(1) OJ No L 203, 29. 7. 1976, p. 40.