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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 21 April 1980

concerning the conclusion of the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East for 1979 and 1980

(80/444/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (2),

Whereas the Community wishes to continue its programme of aid to Palestine refugees in the Near East ;

Whereas the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East (3), concluded on 20 July 1976, has expired ;

Whereas a new Convention providing for contributions in kind and in cash during a two year period should be concluded with UNRWA so that the Community's aid can continue to be provided as part of a comprehensive operation offering a measure of continuity ;

Whereas Article 43 does not provide sufficient enabling powers,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East for 1979 and 1980 is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Convention is annexed to this Decision.

Article 2

The agreement of the Community under Article VIII of the Convention will be given by the Commission.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, 21 April 1980.

For the Council

The President

F. PANDOLFI

(1) OJ No C 30, 7. 2. 1980, p. 7.
(2) OJ No C 59, 10. 3. 1980, p. 70.
(3) OJ No L 203, 28. 7. 1976, p. 40.