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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 26 April 1982

on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning an interim extension of the Protocol annexed to the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Guinea Bissau and the European Economic Community on fishing off the coast of Guinea Bissau

(82/279/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Guinea Bissau and the European Economic Community on fishing off the coast of Guinea Bissau [1], and in particular the second paragraph of Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Community and Guinea Bissau have begun the negotiations provided for in the second paragraph of Article 17 of the Agreement in order to determine the amendments or additions to be made to the Annex or to the Protocol referred to in Article 9 of that Agreement;

Whereas the two Parties have agreed to extend the said Protocol for an interim period of three months pending the final outcome of the negotiations,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning an interim extension of the Protocol annexed to the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Guinea Bissau and the European Economic Community on fishing off the coast of Guinea Bissau is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

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 Luxembourg, 26 April 1982.

For the Council

The President

L. TINDEMANS

[1] OJ No L 226, 29. 8. 1980, p. 34.