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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 26 September 1983

on the notification of provisional application by the European Economic Community and its Member States of the International Coffee Agreement 1983

(83/539/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 113 and 116 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas the International Coffee Agreement 1983 was open for signature from 1 January until 30 June 1983 at the headquarters of the United Nations;

Whereas the said Agreement has been signed by the Community and its Member States; whereas the Agreement envisages close international collaboration in the field of trade in coffee with a view to balancing the supply and demand for coffee in order to stabilize the price of this product in the light of market conditions, thereby fostering the economic diversification and development of coffee-producing countries, improving political and economic relations between producer and consumer countries and providing for increasing consumption of coffee;

Whereas application of the Agreement presupposes joint participation by the Community and its Member States;

Whereas it is therefore important that the Community and its Member States notify the General Secretariat of the United Nations Organization that they intend to apply the Agreement on a provisional basis, subject to its subsequent approval,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

In accordance with Article 61 of the International Coffee Agreement 1983, the Community and its Member States shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations that they intend to apply the

Agreement on a provisional basis, in their capacity as importing members, when it enters into force in accordance with the said Article.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to deposit the notification of provisional application of the Agreement on behalf of the Community.

The text of the notification and that of the Agreement are attached to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 26 September 1983.

For the Council
The President
C. SIMITIS