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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 22 April 1997

on the conclusion of the Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and, on the one hand, Barbados, Belize, the Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Suriname, Saint Christopher and Nevis, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe and, on the other hand, the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1996/97 delivery period

(98/17/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113, in conjunction with the first sentence of Article 228(2), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas implementation of Protocol 8 on ACP Sugar annexed to the Fourth ACP-EC Convention of Lomé [1] and of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on cane sugar [2] is carried out, in accordance with Article 1(2) of each, within the framework of the management of the common organisation of the sugar market;

Whereas it is appropriate to approve the Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Community and, on the one hand, the States referred to in the Protocol and, on the other hand, the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1996/97 delivery period,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and, on the one hand, Barbados, Belize, the Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Repubic of Guyana, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Suriname, Saint Christopher and Nevis, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe and, on the other hand, the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1996/97 delivery period are hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreements is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person empowered to sign the Agreements referred to in Article 1 in order to bind the Community.

Article 3

This Decision will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

Done at Luxembourg, 22 April 1997.

For the Council

The President

J. VAN AARTSEN

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[1] OJ L 229, 17. 8. 1991, p. 216.
[2] OJ L 190, 22. 7. 1975, p. 35.