II

(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION

of 31 March 2011

establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992

(2011/223/EU)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207, in conjunction with Article 218(9), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas the International Sugar Agreement 1992, which was concluded on behalf of the Community by the Council through Decision 92/580/EEC [1], initially remained in force until 31 December 1995. Since then, it was regularly extended for successive periods of 2 years. It was last extended by a decision of the International Sugar Council of 28 May 2009 and it shall remain in force until 31 December 2011. A further extension is in the interest of the Union. The Commission, which represents the Union within the International Sugar Council, should therefore be authorised to vote in favour of such extension,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken by the Union within the International Sugar Council shall be to vote in favour of the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992 for a further period of up to 2 years.

The Commission is hereby authorised to express this position within the International Sugar Council.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 31 March 2011.

For the Council
The President
VÖLNER P.

[1] OJ L 379, 23.12.1992, p. 15.