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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part

(97/C 350/03)

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(Submitted by the Commission on 24 October 1997)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 54 (2), 57, 66, 73c (2), 75, 84 (2), 113 and 130y thereof, in conjunction with the second sentence of Article 228 (2) and the second subparagraph of Article 228 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the assent of the European Parliament,

Whereas the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, signed in ... on ..., should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, together with the declarations made by the Community unilaterally or jointly with other parties, is hereby approved on behalf of the European Community.

The texts are attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give the notification provided for in Article 60 of the Agreement on behalf of the European Community.

Article 3

1. The position to be taken by the Community within the Joint Council and the Joint Committee established by the Agreement, shall be laid down by the Council, on a proposal from the Commission, in accordance with the corresponding provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Community.

2. The President of the Council shall in accordance with Article 46 of the Agreement, preside over the Joint Council and present the position of the Community. In accordance with Article 48 of the Agreement, a representative of the Commission shall preside over the Joint Committee and present the position of the Community.

Article 4

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