COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

on the approval of the International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1989

(presented by the Commission)

Explanatory memorandum

Council Decision 91/51/EEC of 18 December 1990 authorized the Community and its Member States, acting simultaneously, to sign the International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1989, by 31 December 1990 at the latest.[1]

The Community and most Member States signed the Agreement before that date and notified their intention to apply the Agreement provisionally on its entry into force.

Since the requirements of Article 40 regarding the number of governments and the percentage of net imports needed for the Agreement to enter into force had not been met by the end of 1990, those governments which had signed decided, at a conference convened by UNCTAD in Geneva on 12 April last year, to apply the Agreement provisionally from that day.

Other governments have since signed the Agreement and lodged their instruments of acceptance or ratification, bringing the number of governments and the percentage of net imports up to the levels specified in Article 40.

The Commission therefore proposes that the Council approve the Agreement and decide that the Community and its Member States, acting simultaneously, notify their approval of the Agreement, thereby permitting the Agreement to enter into force definitively.

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1 OJ No L 29, 4.2.1991, p.1.

PROPOSAL

FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

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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 Commission proposal,

Whereas, pursuant to Council Decision 91/51/EEC of 18 December 1990,[1] the European Economic Community and its Member States signed the International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1989, and, with the exception of Portugal, notified its provisional application pending the completion of the internal procedures required for its approval;

Whereas the required number of governments and the percentage of net imports specified in Article 40(1) for the definitive entry into force of the Agreement have now been exceeded;

Whereas the Agreement should now be approved and the Community and its Member States should, acting simultaneously, notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of their approval of the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1 OJ No L 29, 4.2.1991, p.1.

Article 1

The International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1989, is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

Acting simultaneously, the Community and its Member States shall, upon completion of the requisite internal procedures, notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of their approval as importers of the International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1989, in accordance with Article 37 thereof.

The text of the Agreement is annexed to Decision 91/51/EEC.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to deposit the instrument of approval on behalf of the Community.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

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