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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

(96/C 12/04)

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(Submitted by the Commission on 28 June 1995)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 113, 130Y, in conjunction with the first sentence of Article 228 (2) and the first subparagraph of paragraph 3 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas, under Article 130U of the Treaty, Community policy in the sphere of development cooperation should foster the sustainable economic and social development of the developing countries, their smooth and gradual integration into the world economy and the campaign against poverty in those countries;

Whereas the Community should approve, for the attainment of its aims in the sphere of external relations, the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of this Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Community, give the notification provided for in Article 20 of the Agreement [1].

Article 3

The Commission, assisted by representatives of the Member States, shall represent the Community in the Joint Commission provided in Article 14 of the Agreement.

Article 4

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

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[1] The date of entry into force of the Cooperation Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* by the General Secretariat of the Council.