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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of the Community to the Convention on the protection of the marine environment of the Baltic Sea area (Helsinki Convention — 1974)

(93/C 222/18)

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(Submitted by the Commission on 6 July 1993)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130S thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, according to Article 130R of the EEC Treaty, action by the Community relating to the environment has as its objectives to preserve, protect and improve the quality of the environment, to contribute towards protecting human health and to ensure a prudent and rational utilization of natural resources; whereas, furthermore, the Community and the Member States are cooperating, within the framework of their respective jurisdictions, with non-member States and the competent international organizations;

Whereas the Community has adopted measures in the area covered by the Convention and should act in international level in that area;

Whereas the Commission has been participating as an observer in the meetings of the Baltic marine environment protection commission since 19 February 1991;

Whereas the Commission has also been participating in the meetings of the ad hoc group set up to revise the Convention on the protection of the marine environment of the Baltic Sea area;

Whereas the Convention on the protection of the marine environment of the Baltic Sea area has been the subject of amendments intended to permit the accession of the Community,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The European Economic Community shall accede to the Convention on the protection of the marine environment of the Baltic Sea area (Helsinki Convention).

The text of the Convention is annexed to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall be authorized to nominate the person or persons entitled to deposit the instrument of accession in accordance with Article 26 of the Convention.

Article 3

The Community shall be represented by the Commission in the Commission established by Article 12 of the Convention.

There the Commission shall express the Community's viewpoint.

Article 4

The President of the Council shall be authorized to deposit the instruments of accession in accordance with Article 26 of the Convention.

ANNEX

The Community has already furnished itself with the following Directives:

— 75/440/EEC concerning the quality required of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water in the Member States (1),

— 76/160/EEC concerning the quality of bathing water (2),

— 76/464/EEC on pollution caused by certain dangerous substances discharged into the aquatic environment of the Community (3),

— 78/176/EEC on waste from the titanium dioxide industry (4),

— 89/428/EEC on procedures for harmonizing the programmes for the reduction and eventual elimination of pollution caused by waste from the titanium dioxide industry (5),

— 78/659/EEC on the quality of fresh waters needing protection or improvement in order to support fish life (6),

— 79/869/EEC concerning the methods of measurement and frequencies of sampling and analysis of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water (7),

— 80/68/EEC on the protection of groundwater against pollution caused by certain dangerous substances (8),

— 80/778/EEC relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption (9),

— 82/176/EEC on limit values and quality objectives for mercury discharges by the chlor-alkali electrolysis industry (10),

— 82/883/EEC on procedures for the surveillance and monitoring of environments concerned by waste from the titanium dioxide industry (11),

— 83/513/EEC on limit values and quality objectives for cadmium discharges (12),

— 84/156/EEC on limit values and quality objectives for mercury discharges by sectors other than the chlor-alkali electrolysis industry (13),

— 84/491/EEC on limit values and quality objectives for discharges of hexachlorocyclohexane (14),

— 86/280/EEC on limit values and quality objectives for discharges of certain dangerous substances included in List I of the Annex to Directive 76/464/EEC (15),

— 88/347/EEC amending Annex II to Directive 86/280/EEC on limit values and quality objectives for discharges of certain dangerous substances included in List I of the Annex to Directive 76/464/EEC (16),

— 90/415/EEC amending Annex II to Directive 86/280/EEC on limit values and quality objectives for discharges of certain dangerous substances included in List I of the Annex to Directive 76/464/EEC (17),

— 91/271/EEC concerning urban waste water treatment (18),

— 91/676/EEC concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources (19).

(1) OJ No L 194, 25. 7. 1975.
(2) OJ No L 31, 5. 2. 1976.
(3) OJ No L 129, 18. 5. 1976.
(4) OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1978.
(5) OJ No L 201, 14. 7. 1989.
(6) OJ No L 222, 14. 8. 1978.
(7) OJ No L 271, 29. 10. 1979.
(8) OJ No L 20, 26. 1. 1980.
(9) OJ No L 229, 30. 8. 1980.
(10) OJ No L 81, 27. 3. 1982.
(11) OJ No L 378, 31. 12. 1982.
(12) OJ No L 291, 24. 10. 1983.
(13) OJ No L 74, 17. 3. 1984.
(14) OJ No L 274, 17. 10. 1984.
(15) OJ No L 181, 4. 7. 1986.
(16) OJ No L 158, 25. 6. 1988.
(17) OJ No L 219, 14. 8. 1990.
(18) OJ No L 135, 30. 5. 1991.
(19) OJ No L 375, 31. 12. 1991.