COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Brussels, 30.04.1999 COM(1999)197 final 99/0101 (ACC)

Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

on the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- 1. The International Sugar Agreement entered into force on 1 January 1993 until 31 December 1995 and has twice been extended for a two-year period, so that it is now due to expire on 31 December 1999.
- 2. At the meeting of the International Sugar Council on 27 May 1999 it will be proposed to extend the Agreement for a further two-year period until 31 December 2001, under the provisions of Article 45(2) of the Agreement.
- 3. The European Community's contribution to the administrative budget of the International Sugar Organisation, shown under item B7-8210 of the European Union budget, will not be affected by the proposed decision.
- 4. The purpose of this proposal is to authorise the Commission to vote in favour of the extension of the Agreement on behalf of the Community.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission¹,

(1) Whereas the International Sugar Agreement 1992, which has been concluded by the Community by Council Decision 92/580/EEC², remains in force until 31 December 1999 unless it is extended beyond that date by decision of the International Sugar Council for a period of no more than two years; whereas the extension of that agreement is in the interest of the Community; whereas the Commission which represents the Community in the International Sugar Council should therefore be authorised to vote in favour of such extension,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Commission, representing the Community within the International Sugar Council, shall vote in favour of the extension by two years of the International Sugar Agreement 1992.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council The President

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OJ L 379, 23.12.1992, p. 15.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. BUDGET HEADING: APPROPRIATIONS: B7-8210 EUR 4.080 million (1999)

2. TITLE:

Proposal for a Council Decision on the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992.

- 3. LEGAL BASIS: Article 113 of the Treaty
- 4. AIMS:

To authorise the Commission to vote in favour of a two-year extension of the said Agreement.

5.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD O 12 MONTH (EUR millio	IS FINAL YEAR	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (1999) (EUR million)		FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (2000) (EUR million)	
5.0	EXPENDITURE - CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS) - NATIONAL AUTHORITIES - OTHER	0.325	0.2	0.290		0.325	
5.1	REVENUE - OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES) - NATIONAL	-		-		-	
		2001	2002	2003		2004	
5.0.1 5.1.1	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE ESTIMATED REVENUE	0.325	0.333	0.341		0.350	

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION:

Contribution adjusted to cover anticipated increases in the administrative budget of the International Sugar Organisation.

6.0 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?

YES / NO

6.1 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?

YES / NO

6.2 WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY?

YES / NO

6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?

YES / NO

OBSERVATIONS:

The administrative budget of the International Sugar Organisation is agreed by the Council of the International Sugar Agreement, which consists of all members of the Agreement. The European Community is represented in the Council of the Agreement by the Commission. Each member pays a contribution to the ISO which is directly proportionate to its voting rights, the calculation of which is determined by the Agreement. The Commission is responsible for the payment of the EC contribution.