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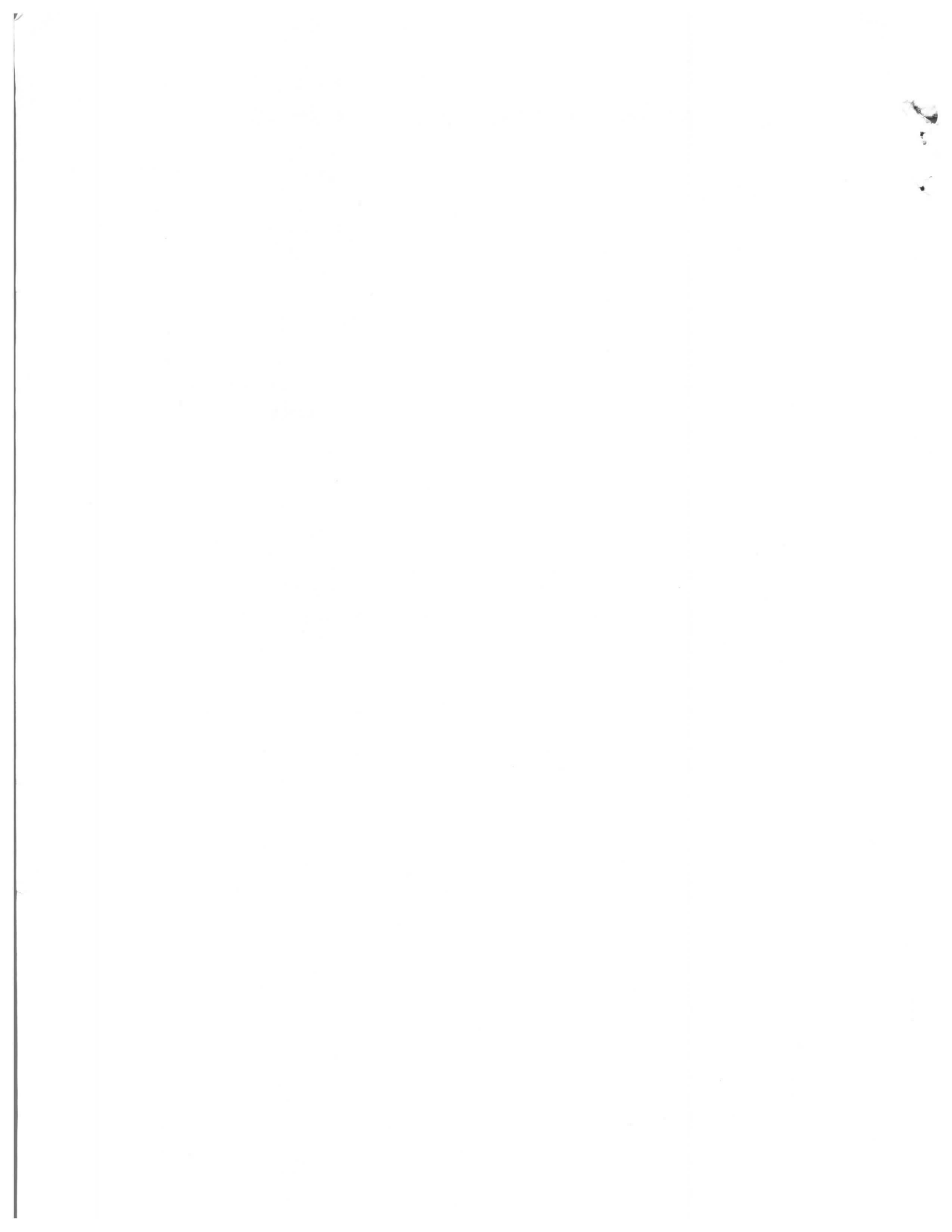
Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

changing the import arrangements established by
Council Decision 90/468/EEC and applied in Italy in respect
of imports from certain State-trading countries of various products

(presented by the Commission)

(Only the Italian text is authentic)



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. This proposal is made under the procedure laid down in Article 9(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3420/83, which requires the Commission to refer the matter to the Council in case of disagreement with a Member State regarding changes to be made to the import arrangements for products originating in the State-trading countries.
2. Pursuant to Article 7(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3420/83, Italy informed the other Member States and the Commission that it considered that the import arrangements applied in Italy in respect of Albania should be amended pursuant to the said Regulation to liberalize imports of all products covered by that Regulation.
3. The measure proposed by Italy has been the subject of consultations pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 3420/83, at the close of which the Commission considered that such a generalized liberalization measure was not appropriate under present circumstances, that the Italian request contained elements which were incompatible with GATT rules and that it could advantageously be replaced, in the near future, by a measure covering the whole Community.
4. Products originating in Albania traditionally imported into Italy are covered by quotas Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 listed in Annex I (g) to Decision 90/468/EEC. In the short term liberalization of the products covered by the said quotas is likely to ensure normal supplies on the Italian market and is consequently a sufficient measure. If import requirements for other products later become apparent in Italy, the Commission could authorize them on a case-by-case basis pursuant to Article 9(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3420/83.
5. The Commission therefore proposes to the Council that the products covered by quotas Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 listed in Annex I (g) to Council Decision 90/468/EEC be liberalized in Italy.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3420/83 of 14 November 1983 on
import arrangements for products originating in State-trading countries,
not liberalized at Community level,¹ as last amended by Regulation (EEC)
No 2727/90,² and in particular Article 9(4) thereof,

Whereas Council Decision 90/468/EEC,³ which established the import quotas
to be opened by the Member States in respect of State-trading countries for
1990, has been provisionally extended for 1991;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 7(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3420/83, Italy has
informed the other Member States and the Commission that it considers that
the import arrangements applied in Italy in respect of Albania should be
amended pursuant to the said Regulation to liberalize imports of all
products covered by that Regulation;

1 OJ No L 346, 8.12.1983, p. 6.

2 OJ No L 262, 26.9.1990, p. 11.

3 OJ No L 259, 24.9.1990, p. 1.

Whereas the measure proposed by Italy has been the subject of consultations pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 3420/83; whereas at the close of the said consultations the Commission considered that such a generalized liberalization measure was not appropriate under present circumstances, that the Italian request contained elements which were incompatible with GATT rules and that it could advantageously be replaced, in the near future, by a measure covering the whole Community;

Whereas products originating in Albania traditionally imported into Italy are covered by quotas Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 listed in Annex I (g) to Decision 90/468/EEC; whereas in the short term liberalization of the products covered by the said quotas is likely to ensure normal supplies on the Italian market and is consequently a sufficient measure; whereas, if import requirements for other products later become apparent in Italy, the Commission could authorize them on a case-by-case basis pursuant to Article 9(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3420/83;

Whereas the proposed measures are not such as to hamper the subsequent harmonization of the import arrangements applied in the Member States or affect the proper functioning of the common market; whereas the said measures should therefore be adopted,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Within the framework of the import arrangements laid down by Decision 90/468/EEC, Italy is hereby authorized to liberalize imports of the products covered by Annex I (g) of the said Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

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IMPACT DE LA PROPOSITION SUR LES P.M.E.
ET SUR LE MARCHÉ DE L'EMPLOI

Sur le plan économique, les produits qui font l'objet de la mesure de libération des restrictions quantitatives en Italie sont actuellement très peu importés. De ce fait, la mesure envisagée a un impact économique minime.

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