

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Brussels, 21 March 1978.

RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

Addition to the directives for the negotiation of
a new International Cereals Agreement, including
a new Food Aid Convention

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Background

1. It now seems clear that the negotiations currently taking place will neither break down nor be completed by the end of the present conference on 23 March.
Further time will be needed for the completion of these negotiations in a second round.
2. In that case the need will also arise to provide for the continuance of the existing administrative framework of the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, which will expire on 30 June 1978 unless further extended. To achieve this a simple extension of that Agreement for one year is likely to be proposed before 23 March.
3. The existing directives will remain valid for the substantive negotiations, but it is necessary to supplement them to cover the procedural contingency of an extension of the present Agreement.

Proposal

4. For this purpose, the Commission proposes that the Council should authorise it to negotiate, on behalf of the Community, Protocols of Extension for one year of the existing Wheat Trade Convention and Food Aid Convention, without modification of their content.

Recommendation for
Council Decision
of

authorizing the Commission to conduct negotiations, on behalf of the European Economic Community, to further extend the International Wheat Agreement, 1971

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 Council Decision of 25 June 1974 regarding the conclusion by the Community of the International Wheat Agreement, 1971,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, as extended will expire on 30 June 1978 unless further extended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Sole Article

The Commission is hereby authorized to conduct, on behalf of the Community, negotiations for the extension by one year of the International Wheat Agreement, 1971.

For the application of this Decision, the Commission shall be assisted by the Special Committee provided for in Article 113 of the Treaty.

Done at Brussels,
For the Council
The President