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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION (EEC)

on the provisional application of the State of Antigua and Barbuda
of the arrangements provided for in Decision 80/1186/EEC on
the association of the overseas countries and territories
with the European Economic Community

~~Submitted to~~ the Council by the Commission)

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Introduction

1. The British overseas territory of Antigua achieved independence on 1 November 1981 as the state of Antigua and Barbuda.
 2. Antigua and Barbuda requested accession to the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé in a letter dated 2 November 1981 from the Vice Prime Minister, Mr. L. B. Bird, to the President of the ACP-EEC Council.
 3. In view of the delay for the arrangements and procedures to be undertaken for the accession to the second Convention of Lomé of a country which has achieved independence, it should be decided to continue to apply provisionally the arrangements provided for in the Decision relating to the association of the overseas countries and territories to the European Economic Community.
 4. The same provisions were made at the time when the Republic of Djibouti (former Territory of Afars and Issas), Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Dominica, St. Lucia, the Republic of Kiribati (former Gilbert Islands), St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Vanuatu (former Anglo-French Condominium of the New Hebrides) and Belize became independent.
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on the provisional application to the State of Antigua and Barbuda of the arrangements provided for in Decision 80/1186/EEC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 80/1186/EEC of 16 December 1980 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community (1), and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 142 (2) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

(1) OJ No L 361, 31.12.1980, p. 1

Whereas, pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 142(2) of Decision 80/1186/EEC, the arrangements provided for therein may continue to apply provisionally, under conditions laid down by the Council, to countries and territories which become independent;

Whereas Antigua, which is mentioned in Annex I to the said Decision, achieved independence on 1 November 1981 as the state of Antigua and Barbuda;

Whereas it should be decided to continue to apply provisionally to that State the arrangements provided for in the above-mentioned Decision;

Whereas the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé is open, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 185 thereof, to accession by countries or territories referred to in Part Four of the Treaty which have become independent; whereas such accession can take place only following a request by the State concerned and with the approval of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers;

Whereas Antigua and Barbuda has submitted a request for accession to the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The arrangements laid down by Decision 80/1186/EEC shall continue to apply provisionally to Antigua and Barbuda until the latter accedes to the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé.

Article 2

Questions relating to the application to Antigua and Barbuda of Decision 80/1186/EEC shall be dealt with as necessary by direct contact between the competent authorities of that State and of the Community.

This Decision shall take effect on 1 November 1981.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President