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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION (EEC)

on the provisional application to Belize 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 Belize achieved independence on 21 September 1981.
 2. Belize requested accession to the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé in a letter dated 25 June 1981 from the Prime Minister, Mr. George Price, 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 and Vanuatu (former Anglo-French Condominium of the New Hebrides) became independent.
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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 Belize, which is mentioned in Annex I to the said Decision, achieved independence on 21 September 1981;

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 Belize 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 apply provisionally to Belize until the latter accedes to the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé.

Article 2

Questions relating to the application to Belize 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.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply with effect from 21 September 1981.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President