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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

extending Decision 91/482/EEC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The current Decision on the association of the OCT with the EC expires on 28 February 2001.

The Commission submitted a proposal for a new Council Decision to the Council on 15 November 2000.

However, this proposal will not have been adopted by 28 February 2001.

In order to avoid a legal void incompatible with Part IV of the Treaty, the Commission therefore proposes extending the Association Decision currently in force for a maximum of four months, without prejudice to its original proposal for a new Council Decision.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Decision 91/482/EEC¹, and in particular Article 240(4), second subparagraph thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, pending the entry into force of a new Council Decision on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community, the applicable provisions under Decision 91/482/EEC, as last amended by Decision 2000/169/EC,² should be extended until the entry into force of the new Decision, but not beyond 30 June 2001,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 240(1) of Decision 91/482/EEC is hereby replaced by the following: "This Decision shall apply until 30 June 2001".

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 March 2001.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council
The President*

¹ OJ L 263, 19.9.1991, p. 1

² OJ L 55, 29.2.2000, p. 67