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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 76/568/EEC of 29 June 1976  
on the association of the overseas countries and territories  
with the European Economic Community<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by  
Decision 78/465/EEC<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular the second subparagraph  
of Article 55(2) thereof,

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(1) OJ No L 176, 1.7.1976, p. 1

(2) OJ No L 147, 3.6.1978, p. 39

Whereas, pursuant to the latter provision of Decision 76/568/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 Saint Lucia, which is mentioned in Annex I relating to the list of countries and territories referred to by that Decision, achieves independence on 22 February 1979;

Whereas it should be decided to continue to apply provisionally the arrangements provided for in the above-mentioned Decision to this State and to lay down the conditions for such application without prejudice to subsequent recourse to the first subparagraph of Article 55(2) and to Article 56 thereof;

Whereas the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé is open, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 89 thereof, to the accession of a country or territory to which Part Four of the Treaty applies and which has 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 Saint Lucia has submitted a request for accession to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé;

Whereas the provisional application of Decision 76/568/EEC with regard to that State should be limited in time;

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Whereas, in order to avoid any break in continuity in financing decisions in favour of Saint Lucia, between its accession to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and the entry into force of the decision adjusting the amounts made available to the European Development Fund which the Council is to take pursuant to Article 1(4) of the Internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid of 1975, Saint Lucia should be permitted to continue to benefit until the date of the entry into force of the said Decision from the provisions of Decision 76/568/EEC relating to financial and technical co-operation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The arrangements laid down by Decision 76/568/EEC shall remain provisionally applicable to Saint Lucia until the latter accedes to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and not later than 21 February 1980.

Saint Lucia shall moreover continue to benefit from the provisions of the said decision relating to financial and technical co-operation until the date of entry into force of the Decision adjusting the amounts made available to the European Development Fund which the Council is to take pursuant to Article 1(4) of the Internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid signed on 11 July 1975.

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Article 2

Questions relating to the application of Decision 76/568/EEC to Saint Lucia, after it has become independent, 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 from 22 February 1979.

Done at Brussels,  
For the Council  
The President

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