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drawn up on behalf of the Associations Committee

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 295/75) for a regulation totally or partially suspending Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products, falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Malta (1976)

Rapporteur : Mr J.A. CORRIE

By letter of 2 October 1975 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation (EEC) totally or partially suspending Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products, falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Malta (1976).

At the plenary sitting of 13 October 1975, the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Associations Committee as the committee responsible and to the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Agriculture for their opinions.

On 22 October 1975 the Associations Committee appointed Mr Corrie rapporteur.

At the same meeting the committee unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and explanatory statement.

Present: Mr Schuijt, chairman; Mr Hansen, vice-chairman, Mr Corrie, rapporteur; Mr Barnett, Mr Bersani (deputizing for Mr Poher), Mr Boano, Mrs Carettoni Romagnoli, Mr Carpentier, Mr Concas, Mr D'Angelosante (deputizing for Mr Lemoine), Mr Girardin, Mr Glinne, Mrs Kellett-Bowman (deputizing for Mr Jakobsen), Mr Klepsch, Mr Pianta (deputizing for Mr De Clercq), Mr Rivierez, Mr Romualdi (observer), Mr Schulz, Mr Terrenoire and Mr Vetrone.

The opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations is attached.

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The Associations Committee hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation totally or partially suspending Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products, falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Malta (1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities¹;
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 295/75);
- having regard to the report of the Associations Committee and the opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations ~~and the Committee on Agriculture~~ (Doc. 342/75),

approves the Commission's proposal.

¹ OJ No. C 238, 18. 10. 1975, p. 3

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The Council has decided that from 1 January 1974 Malta should be given treatment no less favourable than that accorded to the other countries which benefit from generalized preferences.

2. This decision extends to Malta, as far as necessary, the total or partial suspension of the Common Customs Tariff duties on the products in Chapters 1 to 24 (agricultural products), which the Council adopted in connection with the generalized preferences.

3. This proposal relates to the 1976 financial year. Apart from a clearer wording of Article 2 and a number of amendments to the list of products annexed to the proposal, the draft regulation is no different from the 1975 arrangements. On these, the European Parliament delivered a favourable opinion on 15 November 1974¹ on the basis of the CORTIER report on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 347/74).

4. The proposal concerns only products:

- which are of interest to Malta, and
- in respect of which Community treatment of Malta is no more favourable than the treatment given under the generalized preferences.

5. Attention is drawn to the fact that both the text of this proposal and the list of products annexed to it must be aligned on the regulation concerning generalized preferences in respect of products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff² as soon as it has been adopted by the Council, the arrangements for Malta being directly related to those concerning generalized preferences.

6. The Associations Committee approves this proposal as did the Committee on External Economic Relations last year.

¹ OJ No. C 155, 9.12.1974

² See the Commission's corresponding proposal in Doc. 179/75.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL
ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr Schuijt, chairman of the Associations Committee

Rome, 22 October 1975

Dear Mr Schuijt,

At its meeting of 21 October 1975 the Committee on External Economic Relations considered the proposal for a regulation (EEC) of the Council totally or partially suspending Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products, falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Malta (1976) (Doc. 295/75) and approved it ~~un~~animously.

This proposal relates to the year 1976 and is almost identical to the proposal submitted for 1975 on which the European Parliament delivered a favourable opinion on 15 November 1974¹ on the basis of a report drawn up by Mr Corterier (Doc. 347/74) on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations.

(sgd.) G. KASPEREIT

Present: Mr Bermani, acting chairman; Mr Boano, vice-chairman; Mr Baas, Mr Barnett, Mr Bayerl, Lord Bethell (deputizing for Mr Dykes), Lord Castle, Mr D'Angelosante, Mr Didier, Mr Dunne, Mr Klepsch, Mr De Koning, Mr Laban (deputizing for Mr Corterier), Mr E. Muller, Mr Patijn, Mr Pintat, Mr Schulz, Mr Thornley, Mr Vandewiele, Mr Vetrone and Mrs Walz (deputizing for Mr Schwörer).

¹ OJ No. C 155, 9.12.1974

