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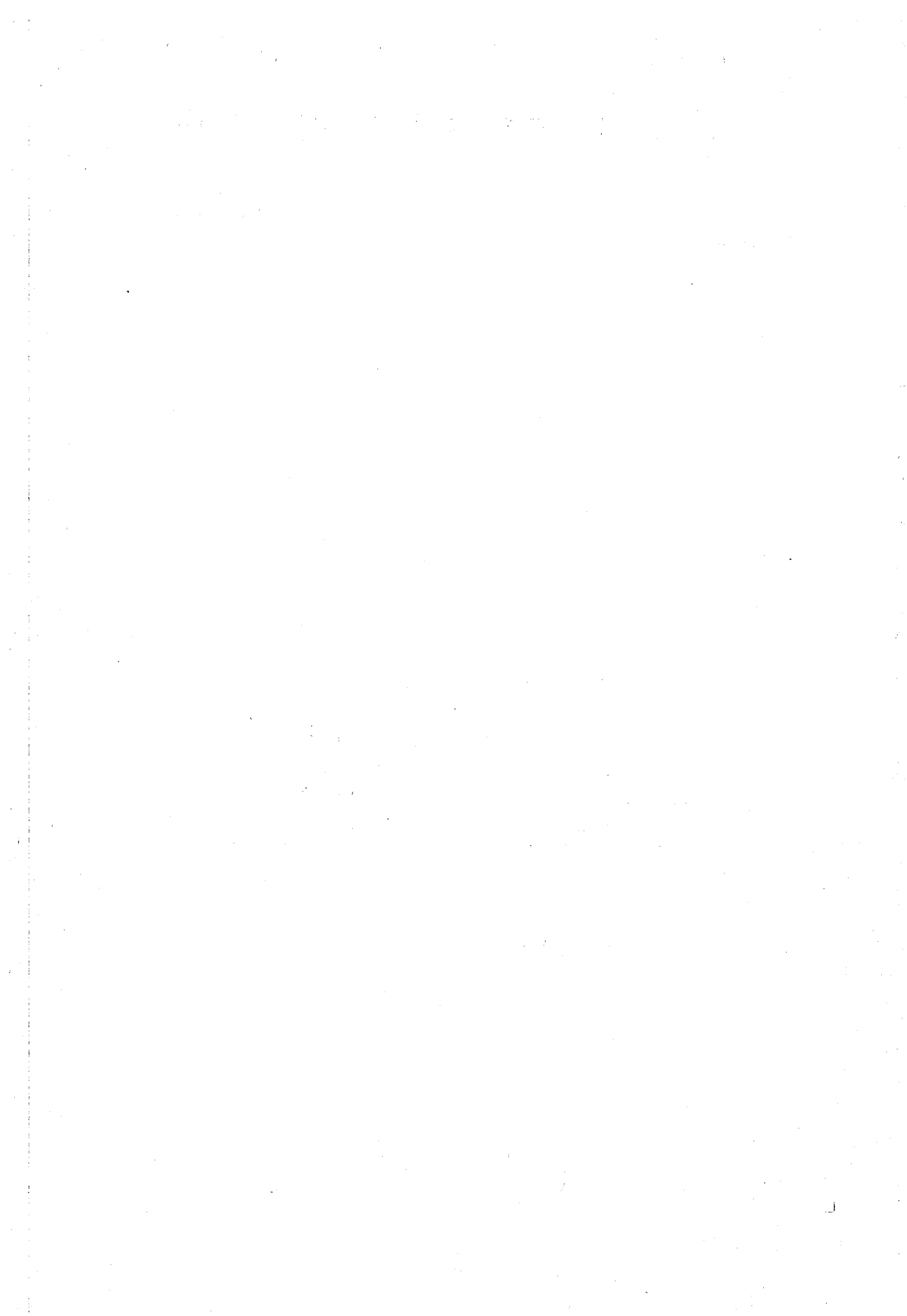
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RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION
ON THE PROVISIONAL APPLICATION TO SAINT VINCENT,
AFTER ITS INDEPENDANCE, OF THE ARRANGEMENTS
PROVIDED FOR IN DECISION 76/568/EEC ON THE
ASSOCIATION OF THE OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES
WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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SUMMARY STATEMENT

The attached text is a Recommendation for a Council Decision on the provisional application to St. Vincent, after its accession to independence, of the arrangements provided for in Decision 76/568/EEC on the association of overseas countries and territories to the EEC.

St. Vincent is a British OCT which acceded to independence on 27 October 1979.

Its relations with the European Community are administered within the context of Decision 76/568/EEC on the association of overseas countries and territories to the EEC.

Such decision is required for each overseas territory becoming independent, until such time as it accedes to the ACP/EEC Convention of Lome.



Recommendation for a

COUNCIL DECISION

on the provisional application to Saint Vincent,
after its independence, of the
arrangements provided for in Decision 76/568/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 76/568/EEC of 29 June 1976 on
the association of the overseas countries and territories with the
European Economic Community ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision
78/465/EEC ⁽²⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of
Article 55(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Recommendation from the Commission,

(1) OJ No L 176, 1.7.1976, p. 8
(2) OJ No L 147, 3.6.1978, p. 39

Whereas, pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 55(2) 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 achieve independence;

Whereas Saint Vincent, which appears in Annex I relating to the list of countries and territories referred to by that Decision, achieved independence on 27 October 1979;

Whereas it should be decided to continue to apply provisionally the arrangements provided for in the above-mentioned Decision to that 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 Vincent has submitted a request for accession to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé;

Whereas the period of provisional application of Decision 76/568/EEC to that State should not continue beyond the expiry of that Decision;

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Whereas, in order to avoid any break in continuity in the financing of decisions in favour of Saint Vincent 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 signed on 11 July 1975, Saint Vincent should be permitted to continue to benefit until the date of the entry into force of that decision from the provisions of Decision 76/568/EEC relating to financial and technical cooperation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The arrangements laid down by Decision 76/568/EEC shall remain provisionally applicable to Saint Vincent until the latter accedes to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé, but in any event not beyond the expiry of this Decision.

Saint Vincent 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 Vincent after it has achieved independence 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 apply with effect from the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Done at Brussels,
For the Council
The President