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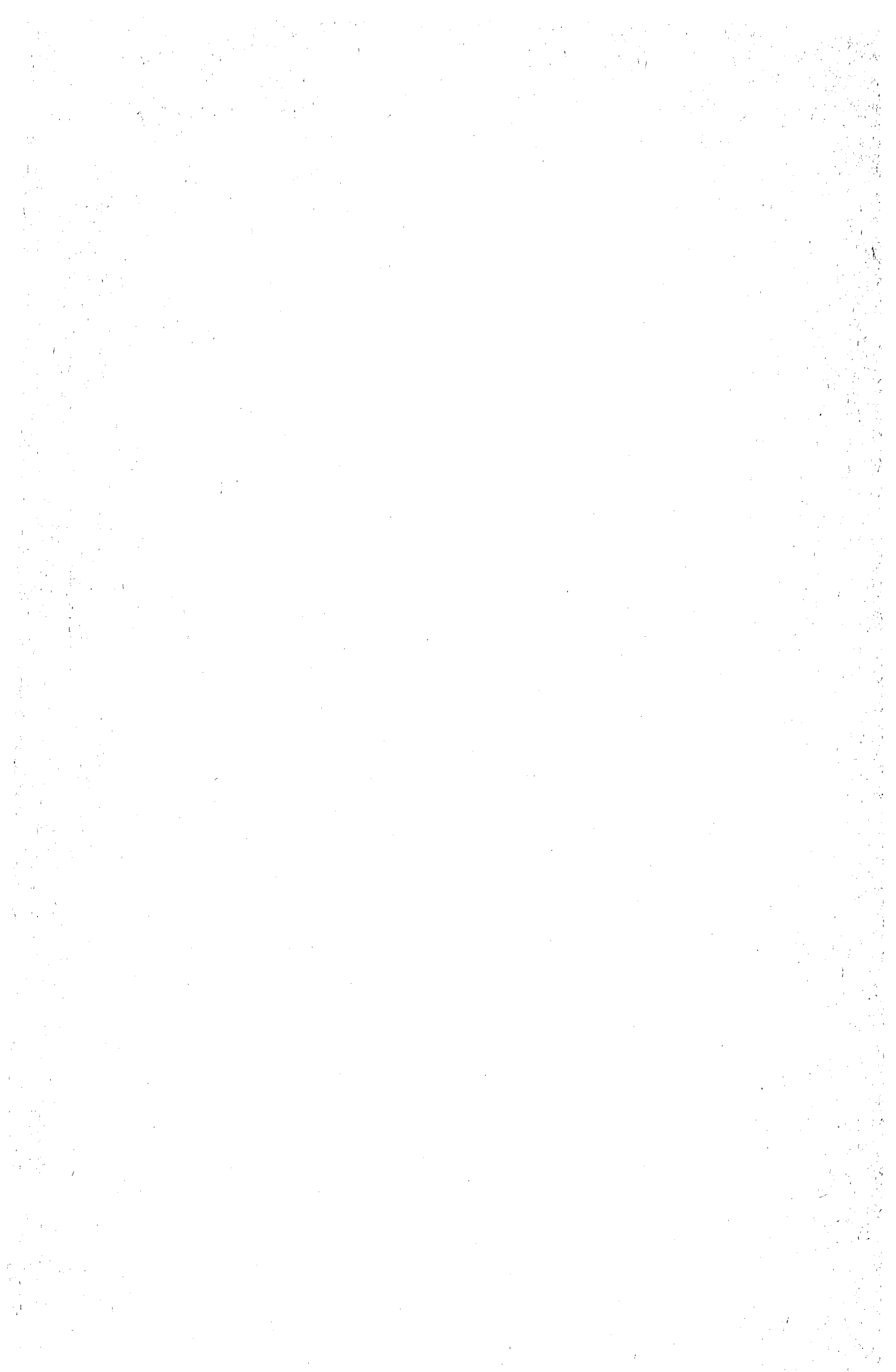
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RECOMMENDATION FOR A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL

concluding an agreement modifying, for the third year of application (1974/1975), the donations provided for in the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Middle East

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Explanatory memorandum

On 18 December 1972, the Community signed a Convention¹ with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNWRA) under which the Community agreed to supply this agency with contributions, in cash or in kind, within the framework of triennial aid programme, to enable it to continue and to expand its food aid action programme for refugees in the countries of the Middle East.

According to the provisions of Article XII thereof, the Convention, which initially covers the period 1 July 1972 to 30 June 1973, will be renewed for each of the two following years unless one of the two parties opposes this before 1 May.

At its meeting of 22 July 1974, the Council decided to renew this convention for a third year of application to cover the period 1 July 1974 to 30 June 1975, subject to certain modifications being made in respect of the Community contributions for this year of application.

In the same Decision, the Council entrusted the Commission with the task of negotiating these modifications with UNRWA. That agency has now indicated that it agrees to the modifications proposed by the Commission.

The purpose of this document is to recommend to the Council that it adopts a Decision concluding an agreement, in the form of an exchange of letters, between the EEC and UNRWA, modifying, for the 3rd year of application (1974/1975), the quantities provided for in the Convention concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Middle East.

¹OJ No. L 304, 41 December 1972, p. 23.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 113, 114 and 228 thereof;

Having regard to the Recommendation from the Commission;

Whereas on 19 December 1972 the European Economic Community concluded a Convention with UNRWA concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Middle East for a period of three years;

Whereas under Article XII modifications may be made every year to this Convention; whereas in the light of information supplied by UNRWA on the second year of application of the Convention, it is necessary to modify certain of the Community contributions;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

An Agreement shall be concluded, on behalf of the European Economic Community, in the form of an exchange of letters, with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA), modifying, for the third year of application (1974/1975), the contributions provided for in the Convention concluded with that agency on 19 December 1972.

Article 2

The President of the Council is authorized to appoint the persons empowered to sign the exchange of letters and to invest them with the requisite powers to enter into a commitment on behalf of the Community.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

Exchange of letters

A. Letter from the European Economic Community.

With reference to the Convention concluded on 19 December 1972 between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Middle East, and in the light of information supplied by your agency, I wish to propose, pursuant to Article XII of the Convention, the following Community contributions for the 1974/1975 year of application:

- Normal distribution program (Convention Article II section 1):
 - . 6,000 tonnes of white sugar (no change)
- Supplementary distribution program - contributions in kind (Convention Article II section 2) :
 - . 3,553 tonnes of wheat in the form of 2,353 tonnes of flour
 - . 193 tonnes of husked rice in the form of 150 tonnes of milled rice
 - . 94 tonnes of white sugar
 - . 300 tonnes of skim milk powder
- Supplementary distribution program - contribution in cash (Convention Article VII) :
 - . 2,161,000 uc in total of which
 - . 673,00 uc is for the purchase of the products listed in Annex III of the Convention.
- Construction of feeding centres (Convention Article IX) :
 - . 11,000 uc.

Please inform me whether you agree with the proposals listed above.

B. Letter from UNRWA

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of
as follows :

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With reference to the agreement
listed above.

I wish to inform you that UNRWA agrees to these modifications.

