

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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DECISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE No 1/76

adopting the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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According to article 19 (3) of the Agreement between the Community and Israel of 11 May 1975, the Joint Committee established by that Agreement must formally adopt its own rules of procedure. This is the purpose of the draft decision set out below.

It is recommended that the Council adopt this text as the Community's position with a view to the first meeting of the EEC-Israel Joint Committee.



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THE JOINT COMMITTEE

having regard to the agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israël, and in particular article 19, thereof,

HAS DECIDED

Article 1

The Joint Committee shall be presided in turn for six months at a time by a representative of the Community and a representative of Israel.

Article 2

Once he has obtained the agreement of both parties, the Chairman of the Joint Committee shall fix the dates and times of meetings.

Article 3

Before each meeting the Chairman shall be informed how each delegation is to be made up.

Article 4

Unless there is a decision to the contrary, the meetings of the Joint Committee shall not be public. For access to the Committee's meetings a pass must be shown.

Article 5

The Joint Committee's decisions in respect of urgent matters may be taken by written procedure if both parties are in agreement.

Article 6

All communications from the Chairman in accordance with these rules of procedure shall be addressed to the Commission's Secretariat, to the members of the Council of the European Communities, to the Council's Secretariat and to the Israel Mission to the European Communities.

Article 7

1. The Chairman shall draw up the provisional agenda for each meeting. It shall be forwarded to the addresses referred to in the preceding article not later than fifteen days before the beginning of the meeting.

The provisional agenda shall include the items in respect of which the Chairman has received a request for inclusion in the agenda not later than twenty-one days before the beginning of the meeting.

Items shall not be written into the provisional agenda unless the relevant documentation has been forwarded to the addresses referred to in the preceding article by the date on which the agenda is sent out.

The agenda shall be adopted by the Joint Committee at the beginning of each meeting. An item other than those appearing on the provisional agenda may be placed on the agenda if the two parties so agree.

2. The Chairman may shorten, in agreement with the two parties, the periods specified in paragraph 1 in order to take account of the requirements of a particular case.

Article 8

Minutes shall be taken for each meeting and shall in particular include a summary, based on a summing up of the proceedings by the Chairman, of the conclusions arrived at by the Joint Committee.

Under adoption by the Joint Committee, the minutes shall be signed by the acting Chairman and by the Secretaries of the Joint Committee and shall be filed in the Joint Committee's records. A copy of the minutes shall be forwarded to each of the addresses referred to in article 6 above.

Article 9

The Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, and Hebraic languages shall be the official languages of the Joint Committee.

Unless there is a decision to the contrary, the Joint Committee shall base its discussions on documentation drawn up in these seven languages.

Article 10

Acts of the Joint Committee shall be signed by the Chairman.

Article 11

Recommendations and Decisions of the Joint Committee within the meaning of article 19 of the agreement shall be entitled "Recommendation" or "Decision" followed by a serial number and a reference to their subject matter.

Article 12

Recommendations and Decisions within the meaning of article 19 of the agreement shall be divided into articles.

The acts referred to in the paragraph above shall end with the words "Done at.....,(date)", the date being that on which they were adopted by the Joint Committee.

Recommendations and Decisions of the Joint Committee shall be forwarded to the addresses referred to in article 6 above.

Article 13

An official of the Community and an official of the government of Israel shall act jointly as the secretaries of the Joint Committee.

Article 14

The Community, on the one hand, and Israel, on the other, shall defray the expenses that they incur as a result of their participation in meetings of the Joint Committee and of working parties in respect of staff, travelling and subsistence expenses and also of postal and telecommunications costs.

Expenses in respect of interpretation at meetings, translation and duplication of documents and also those relating to the material organization of meetings shall normally be defrayed by the Community.

Article 15

Without prejudice to other provisions applicable in this matter, the business of the Joint Committee shall be confidential.

Article 16

Correspondence for the Joint Committee shall be addressed to its Chairman.

Done at

For the Joint Committee

The Chairman

The Secretaries

Declarations to be included in the minutes of the first meeting of the
EEC - Israel Joint Committee

With regard to Article 5

- "The written procedure may be used inter alia for the adoption
- of the minutes,
 - of a common standpoint to be agreed in advance,
 - of suggestions put forward by a working party."

With regard to Article 16

"Mail for the Joint Committee shall be sent to its Chairman at the address of the Secretariat, Joint Committee, EEC-Israel Agreement, rue de la Loi, 200, 1049 Brussels."

- noted the following Community declaration :

With regard to Article 3

"The Community will be represented on the Joint Committee by the Commission assisted by representatives of the Member States. A representative of the Secretary General of the Council will attend the Joint Committee's meetings."

