

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the ACP states referred to in Protocol No 3 annexed to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and with the Republic of India concerning the guaranteed prices for cane sugar to apply in the 1978/79 delivery period

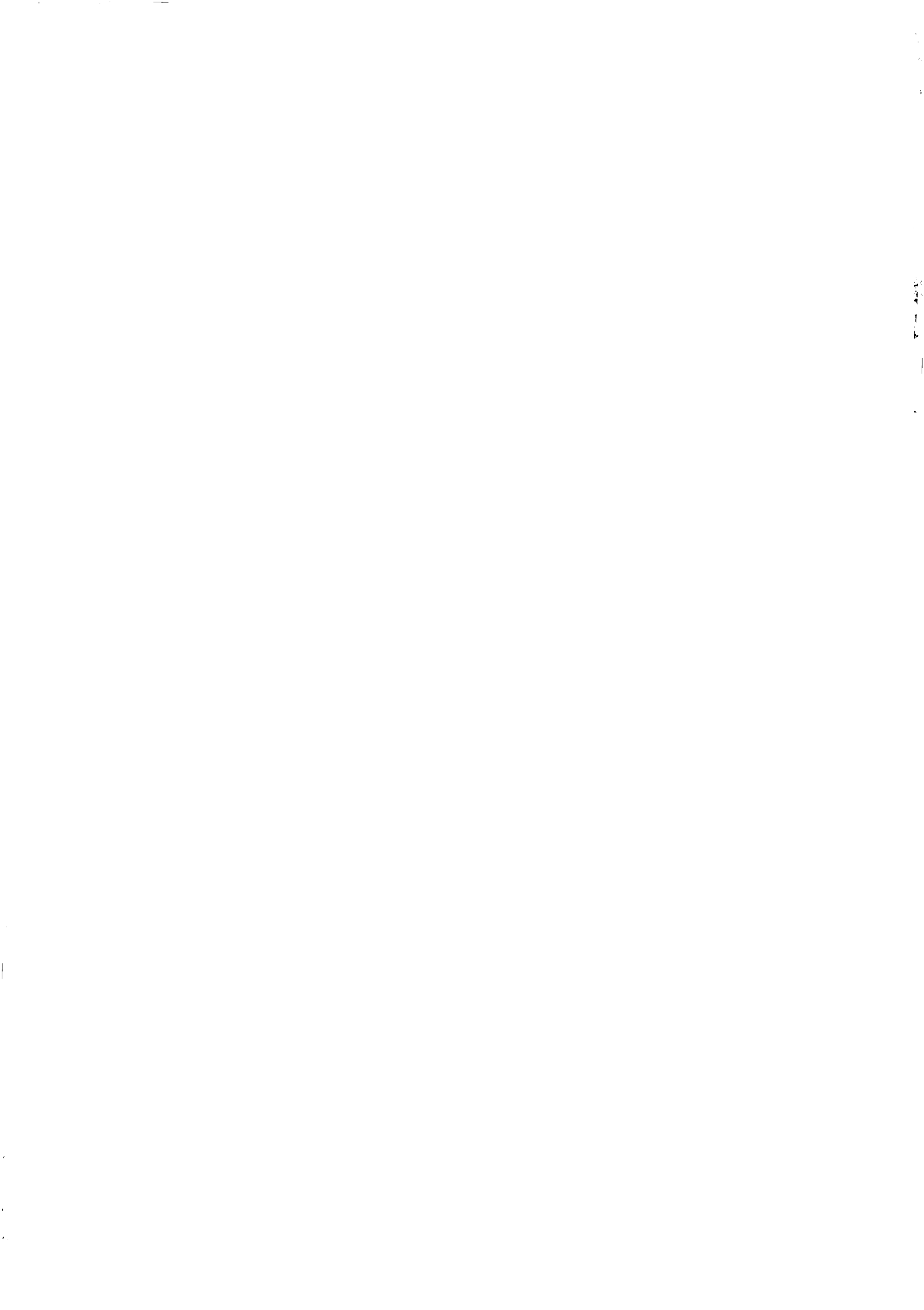
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. Protocol No 3 on ACP sugar annexed to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and the Agreement with India on cane sugar place an obligation on the Community to purchase - at guaranteed prices - cane sugar which the exporting countries concerned cannot commercially market in the Community at prices equivalent to or in excess of the guaranteed prices.
The Protocol and the Agreement also require that the guaranteed prices shall be negotiated annually.
2. The current guaranteed prices apply until 30 June 1978. The attached recommendation for a Council Decision accordingly seeks authority for the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the Community, the guaranteed prices to be applied to the 1978/79 delivery period which begins on 1 July 1978.

Financial implications

3. This recommendation for a Decision does not involve financial implications other than those already taken into account in the agricultural price proposals (Doc. COM(77) 639 final of 9.12.1977).



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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé entered into force on 1 April 1976 (1);

whereas an agreement on cane sugar between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement", entered into force on 18 July 1975 (2);

Whereas Protocol No 3 on ACP sugar annexed to the said Convention, hereinafter referred to as the "Protocol", and the Agreement provide that the guaranteed prices for the quantities of cane sugar concerned shall be negotiated annually,

DECIDES :

(1) O.J. No L 25, 30.1.1976, p. 1.

(2) O.J. No L 190, 23.7.1975, p. 35.

Sole Article

1. The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations with the ACP states referred to in the Protocol and with the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices referred to in the Protocol and the Agreement to apply in the 1978/79 delivery period.
2. The Commission shall conduct these negotiations in consultation with representatives of the Member States and in conformity with the following directive :
 - The guaranteed prices should be negotiated in such a way that the return guaranteed to the ACP countries and to the Republic of India for their raw cane sugar deliveries to the Community should be comparable with the guaranteed net return to the Community producers of raw beet sugar.
 - The prices thus negotiated shall apply only in respect of the delivery period which begins on 1 July 1978.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council