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On 10 December 1987, the European Community and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia signed:

- (i) an Additional Protocol of economic adaptation to the EEC-Yugoslavia Co-operation Agreement establishing new trade arrangements;
- (ii) a second Protocol on financial co-operation between the Community and Yugoslavia
  - signed on behalf of the European Community by:
    - = H.E. Mr Jakob Esper LARSEN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Denmark and current Chairman of the Permanent Representatives Committee;
    - = Mr Jean DURIEUX, Commission special adviser for North-South Relations and Mediterranean Policy;
  - signed on behalf of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by:
    - = H.E. Mr Jozef KOROSEC, Ambassador, Head of the Mission of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the European Communities;
- (iii) a Protocol of technical adaptation to the EEC-Yugoslavia Co-operation Agreement consequent on the accession of Spain and Portugal to the Community, signed also by the Permanent Representatives of the Member States.
- (iv) a Protocol to the ECSC-Yugoslavia Agreement consequent on the accession of Spain and Portugal to the Community, signed by the Yugoslavian Ambassador and the Permanent Representatives of the Member States.

The new additional Protocols reflect the Mediterranean policy of the enlarged Community decided on in the Council statement of 30 March 1985, to strengthen co-operation between the Community and the Mediterranean countries. In addition, in the case of Yugoslavia, the Protocols lay down new trade arrangements, the first stage of which came to an end in 1985. They entail improved access to the Community market for Yugoslav exports and greater concessions for a wider range of agricultural products. Furthermore, provision has been made for a package of measures designed to maintain traditional patterns of trade in the new situation resulting from the enlargement of the Community to include Spain and Portugal. In the industrial sector, tariff ceilings have been raised for a number of products, while the ceilings on some other products have been abolished.

The second EEC-Yugoslavia Financial Protocol provides for loans from the European Investment Bank (EIB) totalling 550 MECU <sup>(1)</sup> over a period of six years (from 1.7.1985 to 31.6.1991).

The Protocol provides that the bulk of this amount will be used to fund projects concerning transport infrastructure of common interest, in particular the Transyugoslav Highway including its feeder roads, with the remainder being used to finance other development projects.

All these Protocols constitute fresh milestones in the process of co-operation between the Community and Yugoslavia and bear witness to the political and economic importance of strengthening relations between them, in the mutual interest of the two Parties and of stability in Europe and the Mediterranean.

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<sup>(1)</sup> The first EEC-Yugoslavia Financial protocol (1980-1985) provided for EIB loans totalling 200 MECU.