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## Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation

on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 457/78) on the accession of the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Dominica to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and proposals for certain legal acts relating thereto

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By letter of 16 November 1978 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the accession of the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Dominica to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and proposals for certain legal acts relating thereto.

The President of the European Parliament referred this communication to the Committee on Development and Cooperation.

On 23 November 1978 the Committee on Development and Cooperation appointed Mr Croze rapporteur.

At the same meeting it considered the communication and adopted the resolution together with the explanatory statement unanimously.

Present: Miss Flesch, chairman; Mr Sandri, vice-chairman; Mr Croze, rapporteur; Mr Broeksz, Lord Castle, Mr Delmotte, Mr Feit, Mr Jakobsen, Mr Lezzi, Mr Martinelli and Mr Würtz.

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The Committee on Development and Cooperation hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the accession of the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Dominica to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and proposals for certain legal acts relating thereto

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>1</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 457/78),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 486/78),
1. Approves the proposed provisions, made necessary when the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Dominica achieved independence;
  2. Welcomes categorically the accession of the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Dominica to the Convention of Lomé as independent States;
  3. Hopes that the legal acts required will be adopted as soon as possible so as to prevent any delay in the application of the provisions of the Convention of Lomé to these States after their accession.

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No. C 279, 23.11.1978, p. 3

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Dominica became independent on 7 July, 1 October and 3 November 1978 respectively. All three States have applied to accede to the Convention of Lomé.

Pursuant to Article 89 of the Convention, the formalities involved in the case of a former OCT gaining independence consist in the approval of its request for accession by the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and the depositing of its instrument of accession with the Secretariat of the Council. The procedure for the Solomon Islands has been completed but the procedures for the other two countries are still in progress.

2. The communication from the Commission to the Council is concerned with the various legal adjustments which have to be made to take account of the change in status of these members of the Convention of Lomé. The individual proposals are primarily of a technical nature essentially concerned with the transfer of resources under the provisions of the Lomé Convention.

3. In practical terms the accession of the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Dominica to the Convention of Lomé means only a change in status from OCT to an ACP State. There is therefore no change in the levies, duties or taxes charged on the products exported by these countries to the Community. The accession of these States to the Convention of Lomé will have no effect on Community expenditure. The financing of the measures affects only the allocation of the amounts earmarked for the OCT's and ACP States respectively in the Convention of Lomé, which are borne by the Member States. There is therefore no effect on the Community budget.

4. The European Parliament therefore approves the measures proposed by the Commission and, in conclusion, welcomes the accession of the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Dominica to the Lomé Convention as independent States.

5. Parliament requests that all the legal acts necessary be adopted as soon as possible so as to prevent any delay in the application of the provisions of the Convention of Lomé to these States after their accession.