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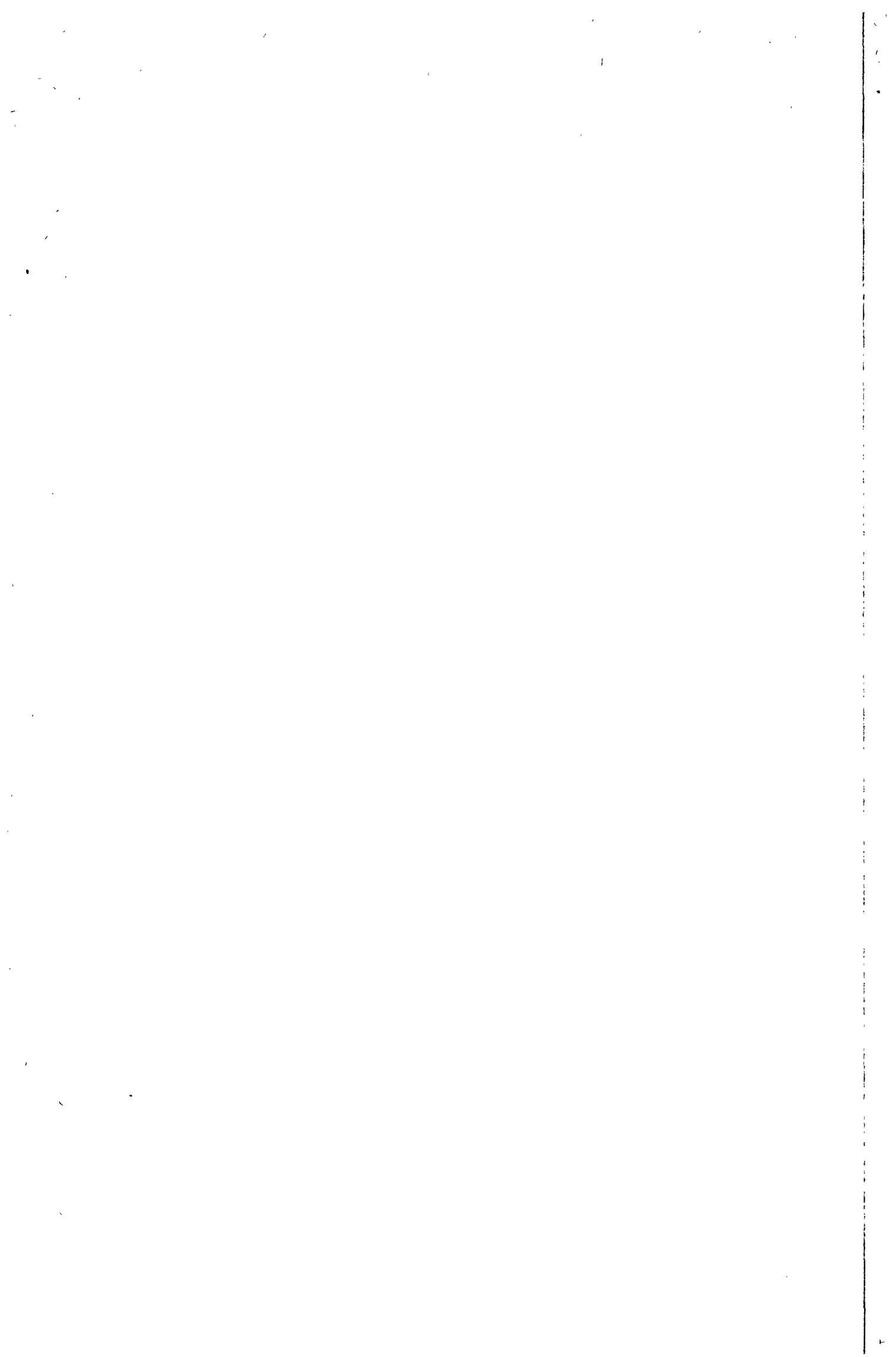
Report

on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-642/79) for a regulation extending the arrangements applicable to trade with the Republic of Cyprus beyond the date of expiry of the first stage of the Association Agreement

Rapporteur: Mr B.H. SEAL

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By letter of 9 January 1980 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Council regulation (EEC) extending the arrangements applicable to trade with the Republic of Cyprus beyond the date of expiry of the first stage of the Association Agreement.

On 14 January 1980 the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets for their opinions.

On 22 January 1980 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Seal rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at its meeting of 30 January 1980 and at the same meeting unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement.

Present: Sir Fred Catherwood, chairman; Mrs Wiczorek-Zeul, vice-chairman; Mr Seal, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Mr Almirante, Mr Cohen (deputizing for Mr Ripa di Meana), Mr Jonker, Mr Martinet, Mr Prout (deputizing for Mr de Courcy Ling), Mr Radoux, Mr Seeler and Mr Welsh.

The opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets are attached.

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The Committee on External Economic Relations hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement:

NOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation extending the arrangements applicable to trade with the Republic of Cyprus beyond the date of expiry of the first stage of the Association Agreement

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council,¹
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, (Doc. 1-642/79),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations, and to the opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-733/79),

approves the Commission's proposal.

¹ OJ No C 312, 12.12.1979, p.2

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The provisions of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus¹, of the Supplementary Protocol to that Agreement² and the Protocol laying down certain provisions relating to trade in agricultural products between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus² expired at the end of the first stage of the Association Agreement on 31 December 1979.

The purpose of this proposal for a regulation is to extend unilaterally until 31 March 1980 the arrangements applicable to trade between the European Economic Community and Cyprus, pending the conclusion of the negotiations for a transitional protocol to the Association Agreement.

¹ OJ No. L 339, 28.12.1977

² OJ No. L 172, 28.6.1978

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Draftsman: Mr T.J. MAHER

On 23 January 1980 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr MAHER draftsman.

At its meeting of 30/31 January 1980 it considered the draft opinion and adopted it unanimously.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Früh, vice-chairman; Mr Maher, draftsman; Mr Blaney (deputizing for Mr Skovmand), Mrs Brookes, (deputizing for Mr Howell), Mr Buchou, Mrs Castle, Mr Clinton, Mrs Cresson, Mr Curry, Mr Davern, Mr Gatto, Mrs Herklotz, Mr Lynge, Mr Maffre-Baugé, Mrs Martin (deputizing for Mr Caillavet), Mr Mertens (deputizing for Mr Helms), Mr Brøndlund Nielsen, Mr d'Ormesson, Mr Provan, Mr Tolman and Mr Wettig.

The purpose of this proposal is to extend the arrangements applicable to trade between the Community and Cyprus until 31 March 1980.

The arrangements under the Supplementary Protocol to the Association Agreement include provisions relating to trade in agricultural products between the Community and Cyprus, which expired on 31 December 1979.

As the transitional protocol to the Association Agreement, which governs trade relations between the Community and Cyprus, was initialled by the Commission on 21 December 1979 and is to enter into force on 1 April 1980 for the rest of the year, it is important for these arrangements to be extended until 31 March 1980 in order to avoid a legal vacuum.

The Committee on Agriculture considers that it is very important for trade relations between the Community and Cyprus to be put on a firm footing and that trade between the two association partners should be able to continue uninterrupted and undisturbed.

The Committee on Agriculture therefore approves this proposal.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the committee chairman to Sir Frederick CATHERWOOD,
chairman of the Committee on External Economic Relations

Strasbourg, 11 March 1980

Subject: Proposal from the Commission of the European Communities
to the Council for a regulation extending the
arrangements applicable to trade with the Republic of
Cyprus beyond the date of expiry of the first stage of
the Association Agreement

Dear Sir Frederick,

The Committee on Budgets considered the above proposal at its
meeting of 10 March 1980.

It concerns an extension of the arrangements applicable to trade
by three months from 1 January 1980 to 31 March 1980.

As no additional losses of revenue are to be expected according
to the financial statement, the Committee on Budgets was able to give
a favourable opinion.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Erwin Lange

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Notenboom, Mr Rossi, vice-chairmen;
Mr Adonnino, Mr Ansquer, Mr Baillet, Mr Balfe, Mr Bonde, Mrs Cassanmagnago
(deputizing for Mr Lega), Mr Dankert, Mr Fich, Mr Forth, Mrs Gaspard,
Mr Gouthier, Mrs Hoff, Mr Hord, Mr Jackson, Mr Langes, Mrs Lenz (deputizing
for Mr Aigner), Mr Megahy (deputizing for Mr Colla), Mr Nord, Mr Nordlohne
(deputizing for Mr Pfennig), Mr O'Leary, Mrs Scrivener, Mr Simonnet,
Mr J.M. Taylor and Mr Tuckman

