



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**accepting the extension of the International Coffee Agreement 1994 on behalf of the  
European Community**

(presented by the Commission)

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The International Coffee Agreement 1994 was concluded for the Community by Council Decision 94/570/EC of 18 July 1994.

The first subparagraph of Article 47 of the Agreement stipulates that it is to expire on 30 September 1999.

At the meeting of the International Coffee Council in London on 21 and 22 July, the members adopted, under Article 47(2) of the Agreement, a resolution providing for the extension of the International Coffee Agreement 1994 for two years, until 30 September 2001, to allow sufficient time for the negotiation of its successor.

The Contracting Parties must notify UN headquarters in New York that they accept extension before the current Agreement expires on 30 September 1999.

Because this is a mixed agreement, the Member States must also carry out the domestic constitutional procedures necessary for the acceptance of the extended International Coffee Agreement 1994.

The Commission will at a later date seek the Council's authorisation to negotiate the follow-up to International Coffee Agreement 1994, in accordance with the guidelines set out in the International Coffee Council's resolution.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 in conjunction with Article 300(2) and (3), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission<sup>1</sup>,

- (1) Whereas the International Coffee Agreement 1994, which the Community approved by Council Decision 94/570/EC of 18 July 1994,<sup>2</sup> applies until 30 September 1999 unless extended by decision of the International Coffee Council;
- (2) Whereas the International Coffee Council has decided to extend the International Coffee Agreement 1994 for two years,
- (3) Whereas the Contracting Parties to the International Coffee Agreement 1994 must notify United Nations headquarters in New York before 30 September 1999 if they accept the Agreement's extension;
- (4) Whereas the extension of this international agreement is in the Community's interest and should therefore be accepted by it in accordance with Article 47(2) of the Agreement;
- (5) Whereas the Member States will also be accepting the Agreement's extension,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C, p.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 222, 26.8.1994, p. 1.

*Sole Article*

The European Community shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations before 30 September 1999 that it accepts the extension of the International Coffee Agreement 1994 for a further two years.

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to make the notification required.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council  
The President*