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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 20 November 1995

concerning the provisional application of certain provisions of the Interregional Framework Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Southern Common Market and its Party States, of the other part⁽¹⁾

(96/205/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Community and the Southern Common Market (Mercosur) have undertaken to adopt procedures for the early application of certain provisions of the Interregional Framework Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Southern Common Market and its Party States, of the other part, which deal with trade cooperation between the Parties and the institutional framework for such cooperation;

Whereas the provisional application of the provisions in question will contribute to facilitating and promoting closer trade relations between the Community and Mercosur, pending the completion of the procedures required to bring the Agreement into force,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The exchange of letters between the Community and Mercosur, which provides for the provisional application

of certain provisions of the Interregional Framework Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Southern Common Market and its Party States, of the other part, is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the exchange of letters is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The Commission shall represent the Community within the bodies referred to in Articles 27 and 29 of the Agreement.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 20 November 1995.

For the Council

The President

J. SOLANA

⁽¹⁾ The Interregional Framework Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Southern Common Market and its Party States, of the other part, was signed, subject to conclusion, at Madrid from 15 to 31 December 1995.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

concerning the provisional application of certain provisions of the Interregional Framework Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Southern Common Market and its Party States, of the other part

A. Letter No 1

Brussels, ...

Sir

I have the honour to refer to the Interregional Framework Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Southern Common Market and its Party States, of the other part, signed on 15 December 1995 at Madrid.

Pending the entry into force of the said Agreement, I have the honour to propose to you that the European Community and Mercosur provisionally apply the provisions of that Agreement which deal with trade cooperation, as set out in Articles 4 to 8 of Title II of the abovementioned Agreement.

In the interests of ensuring that our cooperation referred to in those provisions is effective, I also have the honour to propose that we provisionally apply the provisions of Articles 27, 29 and 30, which deal with the establishment of the institutions responsible for the implementation of the Agreement.

In conclusion, I have the honour to propose that, if the above is acceptable to Mercosur, this letter and your confirmation shall together constitute an agreement between the European Community and Mercosur.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*On behalf of
the Council of the European Union*



B. Letter No 2

Brussels, ...

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date concerning the provisional application of certain provisions of the Interregional Framework Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Southern Common Market and its Party States, of the other part, signed on 15 December 1995 at Madrid, which reads as follows:

'I have the honour to refer to the Interregional Framework Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Southern Common Market and its Party States, of the other part, signed on 15 December 1995 at Madrid.

Pending the entry into force of the said Agreement, I have the honour to propose to you that the European Community and Mercosur provisionally apply the provisions of that Agreement which deal with trade cooperation, as set out in Articles 4 to 8 of Title II of the abovementioned Agreement.

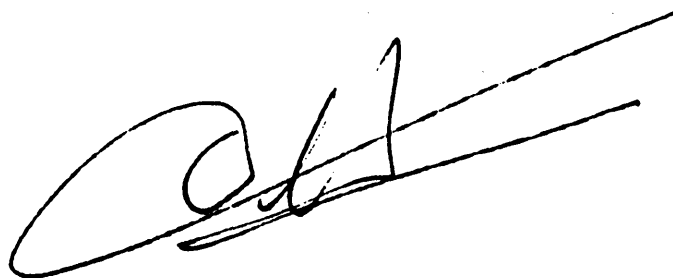
In the interests of ensuring that our cooperation referred to in those provisions is effective, I also have the honour to propose that we provisionally apply the provisions of Articles 27, 29 and 30, which deal with the establishment of the institutions responsible for the implementation of the Agreement.

In conclusion, I have the honour to propose that, if the above is acceptable to Mercosur, this letter and your confirmation shall together constitute an agreement between the European Community and Mercosur.'

I am able to confirm that Mercosur is in agreement with the contents of your letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

On behalf of Mercosur

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.
