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**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2227/2000
of 9 October 2000**

repealing Regulation (EC) No 2151/1999 imposing a ban on flights between the territories of the Community and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia other than the Republic of Montenegro or the Province of Kosovo

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 301 thereof,

Having regard to Council Common Position 2000/599/CFSP of 9 October 2000 on support to a democratic FRY and the immediate lifting of certain restrictive measures ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) In its message to the Serbian people on 18 September 2000, the Council reaffirmed that a democratic change would lead to a radical change in the European Union's policy towards the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), particularly in the area of sanctions.
- (2) Following the elections on 24 September 2000, a new President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was democratically elected and formally sworn in, namely Mr V. Kostunica.
- (3) The ban on commercial or private flights between the FRY and the European Community should be lifted immediately,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2151/1999 ⁽²⁾ and Articles 1 and 3 of Regulation (EC) No 607/2000 ⁽³⁾ are hereby repealed.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* (*).

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 9 October 2000.

For the Council

The President

H. VÉDRINE

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 255, 9.10.2000, p. 1 (English only).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 264, 12.10.1999, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 73, 22.3.2000, p. 4.

(*) This Regulation has already been published (See OJ L 255, 9.10.2000, p. 2).