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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 21 February 2005

on the signing and provisional application of the agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Ukraine concerning the extension and amendment of the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on trade in textile products

(2005/196/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has negotiated on behalf of the Community an agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Ukraine concerning the extension and amendment of the Agreement on trade in textile products with Ukraine.
- (2) Subject to its possible conclusion at a later date, the Agreement should be signed on behalf of the Community.
- (3) It is appropriate to apply this Agreement on a provisional basis as from 1 January 2005 pending the completion of the relevant procedures for its conclusion, subject to reciprocity,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Subject to a possible conclusion at a later date, the President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign on behalf of the Community the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the

European Community and Ukraine concerning the extension and amendment of the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on trade in textile products.

Article 2

Subject to reciprocity, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters referred to in Article 1 shall be applied on a provisional basis as from 1 January 2005 pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 3

The Commission may, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 17 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93, of 12 October 1993, on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries⁽¹⁾, adopt the measures foreseen in point 6 of the Exchange of Letters signed on 19 December 2000⁽²⁾, consisting of reinstating the quota-regime applicable during the year 2000 in case of non-application by Ukraine of the tariff rates described in paragraph 1.5 of the Exchange of Letters referred to in Article 1 of this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 21 February 2005.

For the Council

J. ASSELBORN

The President

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 275, 8.11.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2200/2004 (OJ L 374, 22.12.2004, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 16, 18.1.2001, p. 3.