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DECISIONS

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 30 May 2007

approving the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Ukraine on trade in certain steel products

(2007/451/EC)

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) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and Ukraine ⁽¹⁾, entered into force on 1 March 1998.

(2) Trade in certain steel products is governed by Title III of that Agreement, with the exception of Article 14 thereof, and by the provisions of an agreement on quantitative arrangements.

(3) For the years 1995 to 2001, trade in certain steel products was the subject of agreements between the Parties, and in 2002, 2003 and up to 19 November 2004 of specific arrangements. A further Agreement was concluded on 19 November 2004 covering the period up to 31 December 2004. Thereafter, an Agreement was concluded covering the period 2005 and 2006.

(4) Council Decision of 13 November 2006 ⁽²⁾ authorised the Commission to open negotiations with a view to renewing the agreements on trade in certain steel products concluded between the European Community, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part.

(5) Following that Decision, a new Agreement, covering the period up to 31 December 2007 and the following years, has been negotiated between the Parties.

(6) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. The Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Ukraine on trade in certain steel products is hereby approved.

2. The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 49, 19.2.1998, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ 14134/06 and 14135/06.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels, 30 May 2007.

For the Council
The President
F. MÜNTEFERING
