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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

**establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the
International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar
Agreement 1992**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The International Sugar Agreement 1992, (hereinafter: the “Agreement”) was concluded by the Community by Decision 92/580/EEC¹ and entered into force on 1 January 1993 for a period of three years until 31 December 1995. Since then it has been regularly extended for further periods of two years. The Agreement was extended last time by decision of the International Sugar Council in June 2013 and remains into force until 31 December 2015.

A further extension of the Agreement by up to two years is in the interest of the Union.

That extension of the Agreement entails the prolongation of the EU contribution to the administrative budget of the Agreement. That contribution is budgeted under item 05 06 01 of the EU budget (International agricultural agreements).

The purpose of this proposal is to seek the Council’s authorisation to the Commission to vote, on behalf of the Union, in favour of the extension of the Agreement up to 31 December 2017 within the International Sugar Council.

¹ OJ L 379, 23.12.1992, p. 15.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207 in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The International Sugar Agreement 1992 was concluded by Council Decision 92/580/EEC² and entered into force on 1 January 1993 for a period of three years until 31 December 1995. Since then, it has been regularly extended for further periods of two years. It was last extended by decision of the International Sugar Council in June 2013 and remains in force until 31 December 2015. A further extension is in the interest of the Union. The Commission, which represents the Union within the International Sugar Council, should therefore be authorised to vote in favour of such extension,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the International Sugar Council shall be to vote in favour of the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992 for a further period of up to two years.

The Commission is hereby authorised to express that position within the International Sugar Council.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council
The President*

² OJ L 379, 23.12.1992, p. 15.

LEGISLATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT		Fin Stat/14/ MK/aj/4692354	
		6.221.2015.1	
		DATE: 17/12/2014	
1. BUDGET HEADING: Chapter 05 06 INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF 'AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT' POLICY AREA 05 06 01 International agricultural agreements		APPROPRIATIONS: DB2015: 4,675,000 €	
2. TITLE: Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted, on behalf of the Union, within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992			
3. LEGAL BASIS: Article 207 in conjunction with Article 218 (9) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.			
4. AIMS: Extension of the existing International Sugar Agreement by two more years (1.1.2016 to 31.12.2017).			
5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	12 MONTH PERIOD	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR
	(EUR)	2014 (EUR)	2015 (EUR)
5.0 EXPENDITURE - CHARGED TO THE EU BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS) - NATIONAL AUTHORITIES - OTHER		362,916	420,000
5.1 REVENUE - OWN RESOURCES OF THE EU (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES) - NATIONAL			
	2016	2017	
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	510,000	529,000	
5.1.1 ESTIMATED REVENUE			
5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION: Based on assumptions on an estimated number of votes of the EU (varies each year), on an estimated amount to be paid per vote in GBP.			
6.0 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?		YES NO	
6.1 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?		YES NO	
6.2 WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY?		YES NO	
6.3 WILL APPROPRIATIONS NEED TO BE ENTERED IN FUTURE BUDGETS?		YES NO	
The amount to be effectively paid can vary depending on the final number of votes the EU gets attributed to, the amount to be paid per vote in GBP and on the exchange rate € GBP.			