

COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 June 1982

on the conclusion of the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals

(82/461/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽²⁾,

Whereas a programme of action of the European Communities on the environment was adopted by the Declaration of 22 November 1973 ⁽³⁾, and supplemented by the resolution of 17 May 1977 ⁽⁴⁾; whereas the aim of an environment policy in the Community, as defined in these acts, is to improve the quality of life and to protect the environment;

Whereas the Council has adopted Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds ⁽⁵⁾;

Whereas the Community took part in the negotiations for the conclusion of the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals;

Whereas conclusion by the Community of the Convention is necessary to allow the Community to negotiate and to conclude the regional agreements provided for by that Convention to the extent that such agreements fall within the exclusive powers vested in the Community by Directive 79/409/EEC;

Whereas the conclusion of the Convention by the Community implies no extension of the exclusive powers

of the Community, without prejudice to any legal acts which the Community may adopt at a later date,

Whereas, in view of the special natural situation of Greenland and of the living conditions of its population, Greenland should be excluded from the scope of the Convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals is hereby approved on behalf of the European Economic Community.

The text of the Convention is annexed to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall deposit the instrument of accession provided for by Article XVII of the Convention for the territories to which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community applies, under the conditions laid down in that Treaty, with the exception of Greenland.

Done at Luxembourg, 24 June 1982.

*For the Council**The President*

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(1) OJ No C 327, 14. 12. 1981, p. 95.

(2) OJ No C 300, 18. 11. 1980, p. 15.

(3) OJ No C 112, 20. 12. 1973, p. 1.

(4) OJ No C 139, 13. 6. 1977, p. 1.

(5) OJ No L 103, 25. 4. 1979, p. 1.