

(Acts adopted pursuant to Title V of the Treaty on European Union)

COMMON POSITION

of 23 April 1999

defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union concerning a ban on the supply and sale of petroleum and petroleum products to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY)

(1999/273/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article J.2 thereof,

- (1) Whereas on 8 April 1999 the Council recalled its conclusions of 25 January and 21 February, including those on the strengthening of economic sanctions;
- (2) Whereas on 14 April 1999 the Heads of State Government reiterated their determination not to tolerate the killings and deportations in Kosovo and that the use of the most severe measures is necessary and warranted;
- (3) Whereas, in the face of extreme and criminally irresponsible policies by the FRY authorities, the European Union considers it appropriate to prohibit the supply and sale of petroleum and petroleum products to the FRY and to invite the Associated Countries of central and eastern Europe and Cyprus and the EFTA Members of the EEA to do likewise;
- (4) Whereas action by the Community is needed in order to implement the measures cited below,

HAS DEFINED THIS COMMON POSITION:

Article 1

1. The supply and sale of petroleum and petroleum products to the FRY shall be prohibited.

2. The prohibition referred to in paragraph 1 shall not apply to sales or supplies for verified humanitarian purposes, in particular for the needs of internally displaced persons and returnees.

Article 2

The Presidency will request the Associated Countries of central and eastern Europe and Cyprus and the EFTA Members of the EEA to align themselves with this Common Position.

Article 3

This Common Position shall be kept under constant review.

Article 4

This Common Position shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Article 5

This Common Position shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 23 April 1999.

For the Council

The President

J. FISCHER