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*(Preparatory Acts)*

## COMMISSION

**Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Romania in the financial instrument of the Community in the field of environment (LIFE)**

(98/C 122/07)

COM(1998) 112 final — 98/0074(CNS)

*(Submitted by the Commission on 9 March 1998)*

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 130s, paragraph 1, in conjunction with Article 228, paragraph 3, 1st alinea thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas the Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, has been concluded by decision of the Council and the Commission of 4 December 1995,

Whereas, according to Article 1 of the Additional Protocol, Romania may participate in Community framework programmes, specific programmes, projects or other actions notably in the field of environment and the terms and conditions for the participation of

Romania in these activities shall be decided by the Association Council,

Whereas, Council Regulation (EEC) No 1973/92, as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1404/96 of 15 July 1996 establishing a financial instrument for the environment (LIFE) and in particular Article 13a thereof, provides that this programme shall be open to the participation of associated Central European countries in accordance with the conditions set out in the Additional Protocols to the Association Agreements on participation in Community programmes;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, concerning the participation of Romania in the financial instrument of the Community in the field of environment, is the attached draft decision of the Association Council.

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**Draft Decision of the EC—Romania Association Council adopting the terms and conditions for the participation of Romania in the financial instrument of the Community in the field of environment**

THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part<sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, concerning Romania's participation in Community programmes, and in particular Articles 1 and 2 thereof<sup>(2)</sup>,

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.1994, p. 2.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 317, 30.12.1995, p. 40.