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## COUNCIL

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 20 July 1976

**on the conclusion of the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East**

(76/623/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 113, 114 and 228 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas the Community wishes to continue its programme of aid to the Palestine refugees in the countries of the Near East;

Whereas the Convention<sup>(1)</sup> concerning aid for those refugees, which was concluded with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) on 18 December 1972, expired on 30 June 1975;

Whereas a new Convention should be concluded with UNRWA in order that the aid of the Community can continue and can be granted in a comprehensive and continuous fashion,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and

Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East is hereby concluded on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Convention is annexed to this Decision.

*Article 2*

The agreement of the Community under Article V of the Convention shall be given by the Commission.

*Article 3*

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the persons empowered to sign the Convention and to confer upon them the powers necessary to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 1976.

*For the Council*

*The President*

M. van der STOEL

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 304, 31. 12. 1972, p. 24.