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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 20 April 1998

on the conclusion of the Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and, on the one hand, Barbados, Belize, the Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Suriname, Saint Kitts and Nevis, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe and, on the other hand, the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1997/98 delivery period

(98/672/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113, in conjunction with the first sentence of Article 228(2), thereof,

Article 1

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas implementation of Protocol 8 on ACP Sugar annexed to the fourth ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé ⁽¹⁾ and of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on cane sugar ⁽²⁾ is carried out, in accordance with Article 1(2) of each, within the framework of the management of the common organisation of the sugar market;

The Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and, on the one hand, Barbados, Belize, the Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Suriname, Saint Kitts and Nevis, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe and, on the other hand, the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1997/98 delivery period are hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

Whereas it is appropriate to approve the Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Community and, on the one hand, the States referred to in the Protocol and, on the other hand, the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1997/98 delivery period,

The text of the Agreements is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person empowered to sign the Agreements referred to in Article 1 in order to bind the Community.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 229, 17. 8. 1991, p. 216.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 190, 22. 7. 1975, p. 35.

Article 3

This Decision will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Luxembourg, 20 April 1998.

For the Council
The President
J. CUNNINGHAM
