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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 30 March 2004

concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of India on customs cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters

(2004/633/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 in conjunction with the first sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 27 and 28 January 2003 the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the Community, the Agreement referred to in this Decision.
- (2) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Community and India on customs cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The Commission, assisted by representatives of the Member States, shall represent the Community on the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee set up under Article 21 of the Agreement.

Article 3

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the Community.

Article 4

The President of the Council shall effect the notification provided for in Article 22 of the Agreement on behalf of the Community ⁽¹⁾.

Done at Brussels, 30 March 2004

For the Council

The President

M. McDOWELL

⁽¹⁾ The date of the entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.