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**COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2844/77
of 19 December 1977**

**on the conclusion of the Agreement extending the Interim Agreement between
the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic⁽¹⁾ signed in Brussels on 20 September 1976 expires not later than 31 December 1977;

Whereas, pending the entry into force of the Additional Protocol between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic signed in Brussels on the same day, it is necessary to extend the Interim Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Agreement extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the persons empowered to sign the Agreement for the purpose of binding the Community.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1977.

For the Council

The President

H. SIMONET

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 266, 29. 9. 1976, p. 2.