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from: Working Party on Commodities
on: 22 February 2013
to: Coreper/Council

No. Cion prop.: 18109/12 - COM(2012) 780 final

Subject: Adoption of a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline for Croatia: 06.03.2013

1. On 19 December 2012 the Commission presented a proposal to the Council for the above Council Decision with a view to establishing the position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, within the International Sugar Council with respect to the extension of the International Sugar Agreement, 1992, for a further period of up to two years, after 31 December 2013.
2. The International Sugar Agreement, 1992, was approved by the European Community by Council Decision 92/580/EEC¹, and entered into force on 1 January 1993 for a period of three years until 31 December 1995. Since then, it has been regularly extended for periods of two years and will expire on 31 December 2013. Its extension shall be decided at the next session of the International Sugar Council in Fiji on 6 June 2013.

¹ OJ L 379, 23.12.1992, p. 15.

3. On 22 February 2013, the Working Party on Commodities examined and approved the Commission proposal.
4. The Working Party therefore invites Coreper to confirm this agreement and to invite the Council to adopt the Decision as set out in document 6517/13, by including it as an "A" item on the provisional agenda of a forthcoming Council meeting¹.

¹ Notification of the extension of the International Sugar Agreement, 1992, will be published in the Official Journal, C series.