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from: Working Party on Commodities
on: 7 September 2007
to: COREPER/Council

Com. prop. 16456/06 RESTREINT UE

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1. The International Coffee Agreement 2001 (ICA, 2001) was concluded for the European Community by Council Decision 2001/877/EC of 24 September 2001 ¹, on the basis of Articles 133 and 300(1) of the Treaty establishing the European Community.
2. Since the ICA, 2001 is due to expire on 30 September 2007, and pending a decision by the International Coffee Council (ICC) on its future, the Council adopted on 22 January 2007 a decision in favour of extending the ICA, 2001 for one or more periods not exceeding six years ².

¹ OJ L 326, 11.12.2001, p. 22.

² 16901/06.

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3. On 8 December 2006, the Commission forwarded a recommendation to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for an international agreement destined to amend or to replace the ICA, 2001 ¹.
4. On 29 January 2007, the Council adopted a set of negotiating directives ², authorised the Commission to negotiate for an international agreement destined to amend or to replace the ICA, 2001 and appointed the Working Party on Commodities to assist the Commission in this task, in accordance with Article 300 of the EC Treaty.
5. In the course of the negotiations, and in the light of the proposals for amendments tabled by the different parties to the Agreement, it became clear that ICA, 2001 will be replaced by a new Agreement whose main objective will remain the promotion of international cooperation on trade in coffee, which falls within the exclusive competence of the European Community. The above mentioned negotiating directives must therefore be adapted accordingly in order to take account of the new situation.
6. At its forthcoming 98th session (London, 24-28 September 2007), the ICC is expected to decide on the future of ICA, 2007. In this context, the ICC shall consider (and, if possible, approve) the new Agreement replacing ICA, 2001.
7. In these circumstances, and on the basis of a suggestion by the Council Legal Service, on 7 September 2007 the Working Party on Commodities agreed additional negotiating directives as set out in the Annex.
8. COREPER is therefore invited to approve the additional negotiating directives attached to this note and to submit them to the Council for adoption.

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Additional negotiating directives for a new International Coffee Agreement

The main objective of the new International Coffee Agreement should remain the promotion of international cooperation on trade in coffee, which falls within the exclusive competence of the European Community.

To that end, the new International Coffee Agreement may contain provisions on the European Community's membership of the International Coffee Organisation.

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