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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External
Economic Relations

on the proposals from the Commission of the European
Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-122/82 - 4713/82 and
4715/82) for

- I. a regulation concluding a protocol to the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community
- II. a regulation concluding a protocol to the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community

Rapporteur: Mrs M.-J- PRUVOT

By letter of 14 April 1982 the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-122/82) for

- 1 - a regulation concluding a protocol to the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community
- 2 - a regulation concluding a protocol to the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community.

At its sitting of 21 April 1982 the European Parliament referred the proposals to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Development and Cooperation for its opinion.

At its meeting of 28 April 1982 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mrs PRUVOT rapporteur.

It considered the Council proposals at its meetings of 19 May 1982 and 29 May 1982 and, at the second of these meetings, approved it without amendment.

It unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole.

The following took part in the vote: Sir Fred Catherwood, chairman; Mrs Wiczoreck-Zeul, Mr van Aerssen and Mr Seal, vice-chairmen; Mrs Pruvot, rapporteur; Mr Almirante, Mrs Baduel Glorioso, Mr Bonaccini, Mrs Carettoni Romagnoli, Mr Del Duca, Mr Imer, Mr Jonker, Mr Lemmer, Mrs Lenz, Mrs Moreau, Mrs Nikolaou, Lord O'Hagan, Mrs Pauwelyn, Mr Pelikan, Mrs Phlix, Mrs Poirier, Mr Radoux, Mr Rieger, Mr Stella and Mr Welsh.

The opinion in letter form of the Committee on Development and Cooperation is attached.

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The Committee on External Economic Relations hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission for

- I. a regulation concluding a protocol to the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community
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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission to the Council¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 1-122/82),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 1-327/82),
 - having regard to the result of the vote on the proposals from the Commission,
1. Affirms the urgent need to implement the abovementioned proposals for regulations in order to preserve the content of the agreements which might be compromised to a certain extent following the accession of Greece;
 2. Welcomes the fact that the Community has taken an overall initiative vis-à-vis its Mediterranean partners by adopting a general measure which should complement the action it has already taken under the Mediterranean policy;

¹OJ No. C 336, 23.12.1981, pages 1 and 26

3. Draws attention to the fact that enlargement of the Community could have a significant effect on the political and economic balance which the Community has established with the Mediterranean countries in the context of its Mediterranean policy.
Feels, therefore, that the European Community should keep a constant check on developments in economic and trade relations with its Mediterranean partners and take due account thereof in any action undertaken as part of the current process of enlargement and restructuring;
4. Approves the proposals for regulations in question;
5. Instructs its President to forward to the Commission and the Council the proposals from the Commission as voted by Parliament and the corresponding resolution as Parliament's opinion.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Greece's accession to the EEC has made it necessary to review certain provisions contained in the agreements concluded between the Community and most of the Mediterranean countries, particularly in the context of its global Mediterranean policy.
2. Greek accession has, to a certain extent, added a new element to the regional aspect of the European Community. In the Community of the Nine, the Mediterranean regions of the EEC were relatively limited in size, but with the accession of Greece they now cover a fairly substantial area.
3. In the Community of the Ten, the Mediterranean regions of the EEC are the southern parts of France and Italy and the whole of Greece. Greek accession has therefore made it essential to take comprehensive measures to prevent any risk of jeopardizing trade with the EEC's Mediterranean partners.
4. It was with this in mind that the Council of Ministers and the representatives of the Member States of the ECSC met in council in February 1981 and authorized the Commission to begin negotiations with the Mediterranean countries with whom preferential agreements had been concluded.
5. The negotiating mandate made it a basic principle that Greece should accept the 'acquis communautaire' as far as existing relations between the EEC and its Mediterranean partners were concerned.
6. Following a special study, the Commission concluded that the accession of Greece to the EEC would not have any marked effect on trade relations between the Community and the Mediterranean countries.
7. For this reason, the mandate which the Council gave the Commission was limited in scope in that all agreements introducing adjustments were to be confined to technical adjustments relating mainly to the changed Community quotas to be applied by Greece following accession.

8. As a new EEC Member State Greece should therefore have applied to its trade partners, from the date of its accession, the same treatment they were accorded by the Community, with the exception of a few transitional measures called for by the particular circumstances of each trade partner.

9. The proposals for regulations under consideration therefore contain the transitional measures which Greece is required to apply to imports from Morocco and Syria.

The proposals for regulations under consideration are thus essentially of a technical nature.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION

Letter from the committee chairman to Sir Fred CATHERWOOD, chairman
of the Committee on External Economic Relations

Brussels, 21 May 1982

Dear Mr Chairman,

At its meeting of 18 May 1982 the Committee on Development and Cooperation considered the two proposals for regulations concluding protocols to the Cooperation Agreements between the European Economic Community and Morocco and Syria, which had been referred to it for its opinion.

The committee noted with satisfaction that with the forthcoming conclusion of these protocols, Greece will become a party to the Agreements in question.

The committee has no special comments to make on the quantitative restrictions and tariff quotas involved, given that the relevant provisions have been endorsed by the parties to the Agreements.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Michel PONIATOWSKI

Present: Mr Poniatowski, chairman; Mr Cohen, Mr de Courcy Ling, Mr De Gucht (deputizing for Mr Sablé), Mrs Dury, Mr Enright, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Ferrero, Mrs Focke, Mr Fuchs, Mr Howell, Mr C. Jackson, Mr Narducci, Mr Pannella, Mr Pearce, Mr Prout, Mrs Rabbethge, Mr Wawrzik and Mr Wedekind

