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THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the application for membership made by Iceland on 12th November 1968,

Conscious of the importance of removing barriers to trade over as wide an area as possible,

Desiring to facilitate the development and diversification of the economy of Iceland,

Having regard to paragraph 1 of Article 41 and to paragraph 6 of Article 32 of the Convention,

Having regard to paragraph 1 of Article 8 of the Agreement,

DECIDES:

### **I. ACCESSION TO THE CONVENTION**

The accession of Iceland to the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association (hereinafter referred to as the Convention) is approved on the following terms and conditions:

(Art. 3, para. 2(a))

1. In the case of Iceland sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the Convention shall apply as if it read:

"On and after each of the following dates, Iceland shall not apply an import duty on any product at a level exceeding the rates specified against the dates, and listed below the different basic duties:

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<sup>1</sup> *Adopted on 4th December, 1969. The accession of Iceland became effective on 1st March, 1970.*

Basic Duties:	2	4	5	10	12	15	20	25	30	35	40	50	60	65	70	75	80	90	100
Date of entry into force of the Convention in relation to Iceland:	2	4	4	7	8	11	14	18	21	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	55	65	70
1 January 1974:	0	3	3	6	7	9	12	15	18	21	24	30	35	40	40	45	50	55	60
1 January 1975:	0	3	3	5	6	7	10	13	15	17	20	25	30	30	35	35	40	45	50
1 January 1976:	0	2	2	4	5	6	8	10	12	14	16	20	24	25	30	30	30	35	40
1 January 1977:	0	2	2	3	4	4	6	7	9	10	12	15	18	20	21	22	25	25	30
1 January 1978:	0	0	0	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	13	14	15	16	18	20
1 January 1979:	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	5	6	6	7	7	8	9	10"

(All figures are given as percentages)

(Art. 3, para. 2(b))

2. In the case of Iceland sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the Convention shall apply as if the date referred to in that sub-paragraph were "1st January 1980".

3. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the Convention, as made applicable to Iceland by paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Decision, Iceland may at any time before 1st January 1975, increase the existing import duty on a product not then produced in Iceland in significant quantities, or introduce a new import duty on a product, the production of which started in Iceland after 1st January 1970, provided that the import duty so applied

(i) is necessary to help to promote the development of a specific production;

(ii) is not on an ad valorem basis higher than the normal level of import duties applied in the most-favoured-nation tariff of Iceland at that time to similar products produced in Iceland.

(b) Iceland shall notify to the Council any duty to be applied in accordance with paragraph 3(a) of this Decision not less than thirty days before its introduction. If any Member State so requests, the Council shall examine whether the conditions in that paragraph are fulfilled.

(c) Iceland shall, before 1st January 1980, eliminate new and increased import duties applied in accordance with paragraph 3(a) of this Decision. Such duties shall be reduced at an even and progressive rate. Iceland shall notify to the Council the programme of reduction to be applied. The Council shall, at the request of any Member State, examine the programme notified, and may decide to modify it.

- (d) At the request of any Member State, the Council may examine at annual intervals the increase in exports from Iceland of any product to which a new or increased duty in accordance with paragraph 3(a) of this Decision has been applied, and may in the light of this examination decide that the duty so applied shall be eliminated by a faster programme than a programme established in accordance with paragraph 3(c) of this Decision.

(Art. 3, para. 3)

4. In the case of Iceland paragraph 3 of Article 3 of the Convention shall apply as if the date referred to in this paragraph were "1st January 1970".

5. In the case of Iceland Article 6 of the Convention shall apply as if

(Art. 6, para. 3(a))

- (a) the date referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 3 were "1st January 1972";

(Art. 6, para. 3(b))

- (b) the date referred to in (ii) of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 3 were "1st January 1975"; and

(Art. 6, para. 3(c))

- (c) the date referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 3 were "1st July 1970".

6. In the case of Iceland Article 10 of the Convention shall apply as if

(Art. 10, para. 2)

- (a) the date referred to in paragraph 2 were "31st December 1974";

(Art. 10, para. 3)

- (b) the date referred to in paragraph 3 were "1st January 1975";

(Art. 10, para. 5)

- (c) the words "On 1st July, 1960, Member States shall ..." appearing at the beginning of paragraph 5 read "On the date of the entry into force of the Convention in relation to Iceland, Iceland shall ...";

(Art. 10, para. 5)

- (d) the calendar year appearing at the end of paragraph 5 read "1969";

(Art. 10, para. 6)

- (e) the words "Member States shall ensure that the quota to be established on 1st July, 1960, ..." appearing in the first sentence of paragraph 6 read "Iceland shall ensure that the quota to be established at the date of the entry into force of the Convention in relation to Iceland ...";

(Art. 10, para. 7)

- (f) the words "On 1st July, 1961, and on 1st July in each succeeding year, Member States shall ..." appearing at the beginning of paragraph 7 read "On 1st January, 1971, and on 1st January in each succeeding year, Iceland shall ..."; and

(Art. 10, para. 11(b))

- (g) the calendar year mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 11 were "1969".

7. In the case of Iceland Annex A to the Convention shall apply as if

(Annex A, para. 2)

- (a) the dates referred to in paragraph 2 were "1st January, 1970" and "31st December, 1974" respectively and

(Annex A, para. 4)

- (b) the date referred to in paragraph 4 were "1st January, 1970".

(Annex B, Rule 12:4)

8. In the case of Iceland paragraph 4 of Rule 12 of Annex B to the Convention shall apply as if it read: "Drawback claimed or made use of in connection with any exportation, before the date of the entry into force of the Convention in relation to Iceland, of goods from the territory of Iceland or from the territory of another Member State to Iceland, shall not affect their eligibility for Area tariff treatment if they are after that date re-exported from the territory of any other Member State."

## **II. AMENDMENT OF THE CONVENTION**

9. The word "four" appearing in the third sentence of paragraph 5 of Article 32 of the Convention shall be amended to read "five".<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> By Council Decision No. 12 of 1972 (8th November, 1972) the word "five" has been amended to read "four" and by Council Decision No. 2 of 1995 (12 January 1995) the word "four" has been further amended to read "three" (see page 24).

### **III. ACCESSION TO THE AGREEMENT**

10. Iceland shall accede to the Agreement creating an association between the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic of Finland (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement).

### **IV. INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION**

11. The instrument of accession to be deposited by Iceland with the Government of Sweden shall express its accession to

the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association and the Liechtenstein Protocol, and to  
the Agreement creating an association between the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic of Finland and the Liechtenstein Protocol,

subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Decision.

### **V. ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION AND THE AGREEMENT <sup>1</sup>**

12. The Convention and the Agreement shall enter into force in relation to Iceland

on 1st March 1970, or  
thirty days after the entry into force of this Decision, or  
thirty days after Iceland has deposited its instrument of accession,

whichever date is the latest.

### **VI. ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS DECISION**

13. This Decision shall enter into force when all Member States have either accepted it without reservation or notified the Secretary-General that their affirmative vote has been approved in conformity with their constitutional requirements.

14. The amendment of the Convention provided for by paragraph 9 of this Decision shall, however, enter into force only if the Convention enters into force in relation to Iceland.

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<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1 on page Ic/1.

## **VII. NOTIFICATION AND DEPOSIT OF THIS DECISION**

15. The Secretary-General shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Government of Sweden and notify this Decision to the Government of Iceland.