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DECISIONS

COUNCIL

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of 16 June 2008

**concerning the signing and conclusion
of the Interim Agreement
on trade and trade-related matters
between the European Community, of the one part,
and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part**

(2008/474/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 in conjunction with Article 300(2), first subparagraph, and Article 300(3), first sentence thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Pending the entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, signed in Luxembourg on 16 June 2008, it is necessary to

approve the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement).

- (2) The commercial provisions contained in the Agreement are of an exceptional nature, connected with the policy implemented within the framework of the Stabilisation and Association Process and will not constitute, for the European Union, any precedent in the commercial policy of the Community with regard to third countries other than those of the Western Balkans.
- (3) The Agreement should therefore be signed and approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, the Annexes and Protocols annexed thereto, and the joint declaration and the declaration by the Community attached to the Final Act, are hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The texts referred to in the first paragraph are attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered, on behalf of the Community, to sign the Agreement and to deposit the instrument of approval provided for in Article 58 of the Agreement.

Done at Luxembourg, 16 June 2008.

For the Council

The President

D. RUPEL
