

AGREEMENT

**between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the
Syrian Arab Republic**

(79/1031/ECSC)

THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM,

THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK,

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,

IRELAND,

THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,

THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG,

THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS,

and

THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,

being Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community (hereinafter called 'the Member States'),

of the one part,

THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,

of the other part,

WHEREAS the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic are concluding a Cooperation Agreement concerning the sectors covered by that Community,

PURSUING the same objectives and desiring to find like solutions for the sector covered by the European Coal and Steel Community,

HAVE DECIDED, in pursuit of these objectives and considering that no provision of this Agreement may be interpreted as exempting the Contracting Parties from the obligations which are incumbent upon them under other international agreements,

TO CONCLUDE THIS AGREEMENT, and to this end have designated as their Plenipotentiaries:

THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM:

Renaat VAN ELSLANDE,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK:

Jens CHRISTENSEN,
Ambassador,
Permanent Under-Secretary;

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY:

Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER,
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC:

Louis de GUIRINGAUD,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

IRELAND:

Garret FITZGERALD,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC:

Arnaldo FORLANI,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG:

Gaston THORN,
President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Grand Duchy of
Luxembourg;

THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS:

Max van der STOEL,
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands;

THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND:

Anthony CROSLAND MP,
Minister for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland;

THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC:

Mohamed IMADI,
Minister for Economic Affairs and External Trade.

Article 1

This Agreement shall apply to the products covered by the European Coal and Steel Community which are specified in the Annex.

their respective levels of development and of the need to ensure a better balance in their trade, with a view to increasing the rate of growth of Syria's trade and improving the conditions of access for its products to the Community market.

TITLE 1

Trade cooperation*Article 2*

The object of the Agreement is to promote trade between the Contracting Parties, taking account of

Article 3

Customs duties and charges having equivalent effect on imports into the Community of products originating in Syria covered by the European Coal and

Steel Community shall be abolished in accordance with the following timetable:

Timetable	Rate of reduction (%)
On the date of the entry into force of the Agreement	80
From 1 July 1977	100

Article 4

1. For each product, the basic duties to which the reductions provided for in Article 3 are to be applied shall be:

- for the Community as originally constituted: those duties actually applied in respect of Syria on 1 January 1975,
- for Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom: those duties actually applied in respect of Syria on 1 January 1972.

2. The reduced duties calculated in accordance with Article 3 shall be applied, rounded to the first decimal place.

Subject to the application by the Community of Article 39 (5) of the Act concerning the conditions of accession and the adjustments to the Treaties of 22 January 1972 as regards the specific duties or the specific part of the mixed duties in the Irish and United Kingdom customs tariffs, Article 3 shall be applied, with rounding to the fourth decimal place.

Article 5

1. The products originating in Syria referred to in this Agreement may not enjoy more favourable treatment when imported into the Community than that applied by the Member States between themselves.

2. For the application of paragraph 1, account shall not be taken of the customs duties and charges having equivalent effect resulting from the application of Articles 32 and 36 of the Act concerning the conditions of accession and the adjustments to the Treaties referred to in Article 4.

Article 6

Quantitative restrictions on imports into the Community and measures having an equivalent effect to quantitative restrictions on imports shall be

abolished on the date of the entry into force of the Agreement.

Article 7

Articles 21 to 34 of the Cooperation Agreement signed this day shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to this Agreement.

Article 8

1. If the offers made by Syrian undertakings are likely to be detrimental to the functioning of the common market and if any such detriment is attributable to a difference in the conditions of competition as regards prices, Member States may take appropriate measures under the conditions and in accordance with the procedures laid down in paragraph 2.

2. The Contracting Parties shall provide the Joint Committee with all relevant information and shall give it the assistance it requires in order to examine the case and, where necessary, to consider appropriate measures.

If Syria fails to put an end to the practice objected to within the period fixed by the Joint Committee, or in the absence of agreement in the Joint Committee within one month of the date on which the matter is referred to it, the Member States may adopt the safeguard measures they consider necessary to avoid, or put an end to, any detriment to the functioning of the common market; in particular they may withdraw tariff concessions.

Article 9

The Agreement shall not modify the provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community or the powers and jurisdiction deriving therefrom.

TITLE II

General and final provisions

Article 10

1. A Joint Committee is hereby established, which shall be responsible for the administration of the Agreement and shall ensure its proper implementation. For this purpose, it shall make recommendations and take decisions in the cases provided for in the Agreement.

The decisions taken shall be binding on the Contracting Parties which, in accordance with their own rules, shall take such measures as are required to implement them.

2. For the purpose of the proper implementation of the Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall exchange information and, at the request of either Party, shall hold consultations within the Joint Committee.

3. The Joint Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 11

1. The Joint Committee shall be composed of representatives of the Community on the one hand and of representatives of Syria on the other.

2. The Joint Committee shall act by mutual agreement between the Community and Syria.

Article 12

1. The office of chairman of the Joint Committee shall be held alternately by each of the Contracting Parties, in accordance with detailed rules to be laid down in its rules of procedure.

2. The chairman shall convene meetings of the Joint Committee at least once a year in order to review the general functioning of the Agreement.

The Joint Committee shall, in addition, meet whenever necessary, at the request of either Contracting Party, in accordance with the conditions to be laid down in its rules of procedure.

3. The Joint Committee may decide to set up any working party that can assist it in carrying out its duties.

Article 13

Articles 40 to 46 of the Cooperation Agreement shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to this Agreement

Article 14

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories to which the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community applies under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other, to the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Article 15

This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian and Arabic languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

Article 16

This Agreement shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their own procedures. They shall notify each other when the procedures necessary to this end have been completed.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which the notifications provided for in the first paragraph have been carried out.

Til bekræftelse heraf har undertegnede befuldmægtigede underskrevet denne aftale.

Zu Urkund dessen haben die unterzeichneten Bevollmächtigten ihre Unterschriften unter dieses Abkommen gesetzt.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have affixed their signatures below this Agreement.

En foi de quoi, les plénipotentiaires soussignés ont apposé leurs signatures au bas du présent accord.

In fede di che, i plenipotenziari sottoscritti hanno apposto le loro firme in calce al presente accordo.

Ten blijke waarvan de ondergetekende gevolmachtigden hun handtekening onder deze Overeenkomst hebben gesteld.

وأشأتنا لما تقدم ، وضع المندوبون المفوضون توقيعهم اسفل هذا الاتفاق .

Udfærdiget i Bruxelles, den attende januar nitten hundrede og syvoghalvfjerds.

Geschehen zu Brüssel am achtzehnten Januar neunzehnhundertsiebenundsiebzig.

Done at Brussels on the eighteenth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

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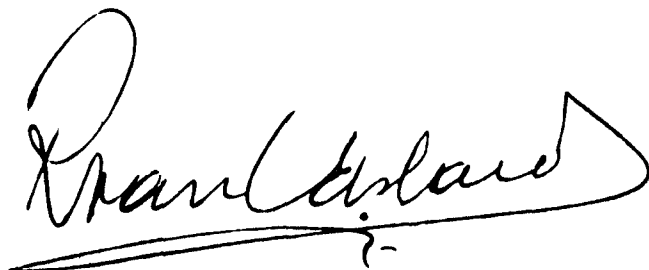
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Gedaan te Brussel, de achttiende januari negentienhonderd zevenenzeventig.

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وتسعمائة وسبعة وسبعين .

Pour Sa Majesté le roi des Belges

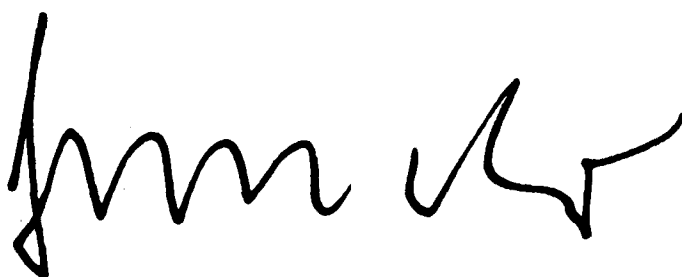
Voor Zijne Majesteit de Koning der Belgen

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For Hendes Majestæt Danmarks dronning

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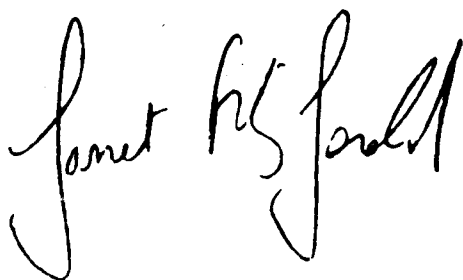
Für den Präsidenten der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

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Pour le président de la République française

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For the President of Ireland

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Per il presidente della Repubblica italiana

Arnaldo Forlani

Pour Son Altesse Royale le grand-duc de Luxembourg

Henri

Voor Hare Majesteit de Koningin der Nederlanden

Beatrix

For Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

A. Costa

عن رئيس الجمهورية العربية السورية

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ANNEX

List of products referred to in Article 1 of the Agreement

Brussels Nomenclature heading No	Description
26.01	Metallic ores and concentrates and roasted iron pyrites: A. Iron ores and concentrates and roasted iron pyrites: II. Other B. Manganese ores and concentrates, including manganiferous iron ores and concentrates with a manganese content of 20 % or more by weight
26.02	Slag, dross, scalings and similar waste from the manufacture of iron or steel: A. Blast-furnace dust
27.01	Coal; briquettes, ovoids and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal
27.02	Lignite, whether or not agglomerated
27.04	Coke and semi-coke of coal, of lignite or of peat: A. Of coal: II. Other B. Of lignite
73.01	Pig iron, cast iron and spiegeleisen, in pigs, blocks, lumps and similar forms
73.02	Ferro-alloys: A. Ferro-manganese: I. Containing more than 2 % by weight of carbon (high carbon ferro-manganese)
73.03	Waste and scrap metal of iron or steel
73.05	Iron or steel powders; sponge iron or steel: B. Sponge iron or steel
73.06	Puddled bars and pilings; ingots, blocks, lumps and similar forms, of iron or steel
73.07	Blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars (including tinplate bars), of iron or steel; pieces roughly shaped by forging, of iron or steel: A. Blooms and billets: I. Rolled B. Slabs and sheet bars (including tinplate bars): I. Rolled
73.08	Iron or steel coils for re-rolling
73.09	Universal plates of iron or steel

Brussels Nomenclature heading No	Description
73.10	<p>Bars and rods (including wire rod), of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished (including precision-made); hollow mining drill steel:</p> <p>A. Not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded</p> <p>D. Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated):</p> <p>I. Not further worked than clad:</p> <p>a) Hot-rolled or extruded</p>
73.11	<p>Angles, shapes and sections, of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished; sheet piling of iron or steel, whether or not drilled, punched or made from assembled elements:</p> <p>A. Angles, shapes and sections:</p> <p>I. Not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded</p> <p>IV. Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated):</p> <p>a) Not further worked than clad:</p> <p>1. Hot-rolled or extruded</p> <p>B. Sheet piling</p>
73.12	<p>Hoop and strip, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled:</p> <p>A. Not further worked than hot-rolled</p> <p>B. Not further worked than cold-rolled:</p> <p>I. In coils for the manufacture of tinplate (a)</p> <p>C. Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated:</p> <p>III. Tinned:</p> <p>a) Tinplate</p> <p>V. Other (for example, copper-plated, artificially oxidized, lacquered, nickel-plated, varnished, clad, parkerized, printed):</p> <p>a) Not further worked than clad:</p> <p>1. Hot-rolled</p>
73.13	<p>Sheets and plates, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled:</p> <p>A. 'Electrical' sheets and plates</p> <p>B. Other sheets and plates:</p> <p>I. Not further worked than hot-rolled</p> <p>II. Not further worked than cold-rolled, of a thickness of:</p> <p>b) More than 1 mm but less than 3 mm</p> <p>c) 1 mm or less</p> <p>III. Not further worked than burnished, polished or glazed</p> <p>IV. Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated:</p> <p>b) Tinned:</p> <p>1. Tinplate</p> <p>2. Other</p> <p>c) Zinc-coated or lead-coated</p> <p>d) Other (for example, copper-plated, artificially oxidized, lacquered, nickel-plated, varnished, clad, parkerized, printed)</p>

(a) Entry under this subheading is subject to conditions to be determined by the competent authorities.

Brussels Nomenclature heading No	Description
73.13 (cont'd)	B. V. Otherwise shaped or worked: a) Cut into shapes other than rectangular shapes, but not further worked: 2. Other
73.15	Alloy steel and high carbon steel in the forms mentioned in heading Nos 73.06 to 73.14: A. High carbon steel: I. Ingots, blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars: b) Other III. Coils for re-rolling IV. Universal plates V. Bars and rods (including wire rod) and hollow mining drill steel; angles, shapes and sections: b) Not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded d) Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated): 1. Not further worked than clad: aa) Hot-rolled or extruded VI. Hoop and strip: a) Not further worked than hot-rolled c) Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated: 1. Not further worked than clad: aa) Hot-rolled VII. Sheets and plates: a) Not further worked than hot-rolled b) Not further worked than cold-rolled, of a thickness of: 2. Less than 3 mm c) Polished, clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated d) Otherwise shaped or worked: 1. Cut into shapes other than rectangular shapes, but not further worked B. Alloy steel: I. Ingots, blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars: b) Other III. Coils for re-rolling IV. Universal plates V. Bars and rods (including wire rod) and hollow mining drill steel; angles, shapes and sections: b) Not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded d) Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated): 1. Not further worked than clad: aa) Hot-rolled or extruded VI. Hoop and strip: a) Not further worked than hot-rolled c) Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated: 1. Not further worked than clad: aa) Hot-rolled

Brussels Nomenclature heading No	Description
73.15 (<i>cont'd</i>)	<p>B. VII. Sheets and plates:</p> <p>a) 'Electrical' sheets and plates</p> <p>b) Other sheets and plates:</p> <p>1. Not further worked than hot-rolled</p> <p>2. Not further worked than cold-rolled, of a thickness of:</p> <p>bb) Less than 3 mm</p> <p>3. Polished, clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated</p> <p>4. Otherwise shaped or worked:</p> <p>aa) Cut into shapes other than rectangular shapes, but not further worked</p>
73.16	<p>Railway and tramway track construction material of iron or steel, the following: rails, check-rails, switch blades, crossings (or frogs), crossing pieces, point rods, rack rails, sleepers, fish-plates, chairs, chair wedges, sole plates (base plates), rail clips, bedplates, ties and other material specialized for joining or fixing rails:</p> <p>A. Rails:</p> <p>II. Other</p> <p>B. Check-rails</p> <p>C. Sleepers</p> <p>D. Fish-plates and sole plates:</p> <p>I. Rolled</p>