

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION establishing a Customs Co-operation Council signed in Brussels on 15 December 1950 and the European Economic Community,

CONSIDERING that it is desirable to bring the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (done at Brussels on 14 June 1983) into force on 1 January 1988,

CONSIDERING that, unless Article 13 of the said Convention is amended, the entry into force of the Convention on that date will remain uncertain,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

Paragraph 1 of Article 13 of the International Convention on the Harmonized Community Description and Coding System done at Brussels on 14 June 1983 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") shall be replaced by the following text:

"1. This Convention shall enter into force on the earliest first of January which falls at least three months after a minimum of seventeen States or Customs or Economic Unions referred to in Article 11 above have signed it without reservation of ratification or have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession, but not before 1 January 1988."

Article 2

A. The present Protocol shall enter into force simultaneously with the Convention provided that a minimum of seventeen States or Customs or Economic Unions referred to in Article 11 of the Convention have deposited their instruments of acceptance of the Protocol with the Secretary General of the Customs Co-operation Council. However, no State or Customs or Economic Union may deposit its instrument of acceptance of the present Protocol unless it has previously signed or signs at the same time the Convention without reservation of ratification or has previously deposited or

deposits at the same time its instrument of ratification of, or of accession to, the Convention.

B. Any State or Customs or Economic Union becoming a Contracting Party to the Convention after the entry into force of the present Protocol under paragraph A above shall be a Contracting Party to the Convention as amended by the Protocol.