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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 146/2003

of 27 January 2003

repealing Regulation (EC) No 1705/98 regarding the interruption of certain economic relations with Angola in connection with the activities of the 'União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola' (UNITA)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 60 and 301 thereof,

Having regard to Council Common Position 2002/991/CFSP of 19 December 2002 [1],

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) On 9 December 2002, the United Nations Security Council, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, decided in its Resolution 1448(2002) that measures imposed by paragraph 19 of Resolution 864(1993), paragraph 4(c) and (d) of Resolution 1127(1997) and paragraphs 11 and 12 of Resolution 1173(1998) should cease to have effect from that date.

(2) On 19 December 2002, the Council adopted Common Position 2002/991/CFSP lifting restrictive measures against the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA) and repealing Common Positions 97/759/CFSP and 98/425/CFSP.

(3) Therefore Council Regulation (EC) No 1705/98 of 28 July 1998 concerning the interruption of certain economic relations with Angola in order to induce the 'União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola' (UNITA) to fulfil its obligations in the peace process, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2229/97 [2], should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS COMMON POSITION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1705/98 is hereby repealed.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 20 December 2002.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 January 2003.

For the Council

The President

G. PAPANDREOU

[1] OJ L 348, 21.12.2002, p. 1.

[2] OJ L 215, 1.8.1998, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 689/2002 (OJ L 106, 23.4.2002, p. 8).