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AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
AND THE
REPUBLIC OF FINLAND

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,
of the one part, and

THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND,
of the other part,

DESIROUS of contributing appropriate solutions to the economic problems facing Finland as a result of the enlargement of the European Economic Community and of developing the commerce between them, while retaining their autonomous power of decision and preserving, with due regard for fair conditions of competition, a satisfactory balance in trade,

RESOLVED to this end to eliminate progressively the obstacles to substantially all their trade, in accordance with the provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade concerning the establishment of free trade areas,

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:

ARTICLE 1

The aim of this Agreement is:

- (a) to promote through the expansion of reciprocal trade the harmonious development of economic relations between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland and thus to foster in the Community and in Finland the advance of economic activity, the improvement of living and employment conditions, and increased productivity and financial stability,
- (b) to provide fair conditions of competition for trade between the Contracting Parties,
- (c) to contribute in this way, by the removal of barriers to trade, to the harmonious development and expansion of world trade.

ARTICLE 2

The Agreement shall apply to products originating in the Community or Finland:

- (i) which fall within Chapters 25 to 99 of the Brussels Nomenclature excluding the products listed in the Annex;
- (ii) which are specified in Protocol No 2, with due regard to the arrangements provided for in that Protocol.

ARTICLE 3

1. No new customs duty on imports shall be introduced in trade between the Community and Finland.
2. Customs duties on imports shall be progressively abolished in accordance with the following timetable:
 - (a) on 1 April 1973 each duty shall be reduced to 80% of the basic duty;
 - (b) four further reductions of 20% each shall be made on:
 - 1 January 1974
 - 1 January 1975
 - 1 January 1976
 - 1 July 1977.

ARTICLE 4

1. The provisions concerning the progressive abolition of customs duties on imports shall also apply to customs duties of a fiscal nature.

The Contracting Parties may replace a customs duty of a fiscal nature or the fiscal element of a customs duty by an internal tax.