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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/2427

of 23 October 2023

**on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Sugar Council
as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(4), first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The International Sugar Agreement 1992 ⁽¹⁾ (the 'Agreement') was concluded by the Union by Council Decision 92/580/EEC ⁽²⁾ and entered into force on 1 January 1993. The Agreement was concluded for a period of three years, until 31 December 1995.
- (2) The International Sugar Council (the 'ISC'), set up under Article 3 of the Agreement, is empowered pursuant to Article 45(2) of the Agreement to extend the Agreement, by special vote, for successive periods, not exceeding two years on each occasion. Since its conclusion, the Agreement has regularly been extended for further periods of two years. The Agreement was last extended by decision of the ISC in November 2021 and remains in force until 31 December 2023.
- (3) In 2021, the ISC agreed to amend the Agreement, and in particular Articles 1, 23, 25, 32, 33, and 34 thereof. Those amendments were originally intended to enter into force on 1 January 2024. During its 62nd session, the ISC agreed to prolong the period in which Members could deposit their instruments of acceptance concerning those amendments until 30 April 2024, while the entry into force of those amendments was postponed to 1 January 2025. In view of this, the validity of the Agreement in its current wording needs to be extended.
- (4) The ISC, during its 63rd session to be held on 24 November 2023, is to adopt a decision on the extension of the Agreement in its current wording, until 31 December 2024.
- (5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the ISC, during its 63rd session, as regards the extension of the Agreement. A further extension of the Agreement is in the interest of the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the International Sugar Council, during its 63rd session, shall be to vote in favour of the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992 for a further period of one year, until 31 December 2024.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 379, 23.12.1992, p. 16.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 92/580/EEC of 13 November 1992 on the signing and conclusion of the International Sugar Agreement 1992 (OJ L 379, 23.12.1992, p. 15).

Done at Luxembourg, 23 October 2023.

For the Council
The President
L. PLANAS PUCHADES
