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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 13 June 2005

on the signature of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Turkey following the enlargement of the European Union

(2005/672/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 310 in conjunction with the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) thereof,

Having regard to the 2003 Act of Accession, and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Turkey, signed in Ankara on 12 September 1963 (hereinafter referred to as the Ankara Agreement)⁽¹⁾, entered into force on 1 December 1964.
- (2) Article 6(2) of the 2003 Act of Accession requires the new Member States to accede to the agreements concluded by the Member States and the Community, acting jointly, with third countries.
- (3) The Commission, authorised by the Council to negotiate with Turkey a Protocol to the Ankara Agreement to take

into account the enlargement of the European Union, has successfully accomplished these negotiations.

- (4) Subject to its conclusion, the Additional Protocol should be signed on behalf of the Community and its Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, and subject to its conclusion, the Additional Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Turkey following the enlargement of the Union.

The text of the Additional Protocol is attached to this Decision.

Done at Luxembourg, 13 June 2005.

For the Council
The President
J. ASSELBORN

⁽¹⁾ OJ 217, 29.12.1964, p. 3687/64.