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Status of the European Community in the Special Committee on Preferences

Draft decision submitted by the President

The Trade and Development Board

Decides:

- (a) With respect to the application of the rules of procedure of the Standing Committees by the Special Committee on Preferences, intergovernmental organizations which have competence in the area of the generalized system of preferences (GSP) shall be accorded the same participation rights as those accorded to States except for the right to vote;
- (b) This principle will be applied <u>mutatis mutandis</u> in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1995/201, of 8 February 1995, entitled "Full participation of the European Community in the Commission on Sustainable Development".