

Treaty concerning the Accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom to the EEC and the EAEC

(Brussels, 22 January 1972)

TREATY

between

the KINGDOM OF BELGIUM,
the FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,
the FRENCH REPUBLIC,
the ITALIAN REPUBLIC,
the GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG,
the KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS,
Member States of the European Communities,
the KINGDOM OF DENMARK,
IRELAND,
the KINGDOM OF NORWAY,
and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

concerning the accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the European Economic Community and to the European Atomic Energy Community

His Majesty The King of the Belgians, Her Majesty The Queen of Denmark, The President of the Federal Republic of Germany, The President of the French Republic, The President of Ireland, The President of the Italian Republic, His Royal Highness The Grand Duke of Luxembourg, Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, His Majesty The King of Norway, Her Majesty The Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

United in their desire to pursue the attainment of the objectives of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

Determined in the spirit of those Treaties to construct an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe on the foundations already laid,

Considering that Article 237 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and Article 205 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community afford European States the opportunity of becoming members of these Communities,

Considering that the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have applied to become members of these Communities,

Considering that the Council of the European Communities, after having obtained the Opinion of the Commission, has declared itself in favour of the admission of these States,

Have decided to establish by common agreement the conditions of admission and the adjustments to be made to the Treaties establishing the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, and to this end have designated as their Plenipotentiaries:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS

Mr G. Eyskens, Prime Minister;
Mr P. Harmel, Minister for Foreign Affairs;
Mr J. van der Meulen, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the European Communities;

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF DENMARK

Mr. J. O. Krag, Prime Minister;
Mr I. Nørgaard, Minister for External Economic Affairs;
Mr J. Christensen, Secretary General for External Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Mr W. Scheel, Minister for Foreign Affairs;
Mr H.-G. Sachs, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the European Communities;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

Mr M. Schumann, Minister for Foreign Affairs;
Mr J.-M. Boegner, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the European Communities;

THE PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

Mr J. A. Lynch, Prime Minister;
Mr P. J. Hillery, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

Mr E. Colombo, Prime Minister;
Mr A. Moro, Minister for Foreign Affairs;
Mr G. Bombassei Frascani de Vettor, Ambassador,
Permanent Representative to the European Communities;

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUKE OF LUXEMBOURG

Mr G. Thorn, Minister for Foreign Affairs;
Mr J. Dondelinger, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the European Communities;

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS

Mr W. K. N. Schmelzer, Minister for Foreign Affairs;
Mr T. E. Westerterp, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
Mr E. M. J. A. Sassen, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the European Communities;

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF NORWAY

Mr T. Bratteli, Prime Minister;
Mr A. Cappelen, Minister for Foreign Affairs;
Mr S. Chr. Sommerfelt, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary;

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

The Right Honourable Edward Heath, MBE, MP, Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury, Minister for the Civil Service;
The Right Honourable Sir Alec Douglas-Home, KT, MP, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs;
The Right Honourable Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster;

Who, having exchanged their Full Powers found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. The Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland hereby become members of the European Economic Community and of the European Atomic Energy Community and Parties to the Treaties establishing these Communities as amended or supplemented.
2. The conditions of admission and the adjustments to the Treaties establishing the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community necessitated thereby are set out in the Act annexed to this Treaty. The provisions of that Act concerning the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community shall form an integral part of this Treaty.
3. The provisions concerning the rights and obligations of the Member States and the powers and jurisdiction of the institutions of the Communities as set out in the Treaties referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply in respect of this Treaty.

Article 2

This Treaty will be ratified by the High Contracting Parties in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements. The instruments of ratification will be deposited with the Government of the Italian Republic by 31 December 1972 at the latest.

This Treaty will enter into force on 1 January 1973, provided that all the instruments of ratification have been deposited before that date and that all the instruments of accession to the European Coal and Steel Community are deposited on that date.

If, however, the States referred to in Article 1(1) have not all deposited their instruments of ratification and accession in due time, the Treaty shall enter into force for those States which have deposited their instruments. In this case, the Council of the European Communities, acting unanimously, shall decide immediately upon such resulting adjustments as have become indispensable, to Article 3 of this Treaty, and to Articles 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 129, 142, 143, 155 and 160 of the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties, to the provisions of Annex I to that Act concerning the composition and functioning of various committees, and to Articles 5 and 8 of the Protocol on the Statute of the European Investment Bank; acting unanimously, it may also declare that those provisions of the aforementioned Act which refer expressly to a State which has not deposited its instruments of ratification and accession have lapsed, or it may adjust them.

Article 3

This Treaty, drawn up in a single original in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Irish, Italian and Norwegian languages, the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Irish and Italian texts all being equally authentic, will be deposited in the archives of the Government of the Italian Republic, which will transmit a certified copy to each of the Governments of the other signatory States.

Til bekræftelse heraf har undertegnede befuldmaegtigede underskrevet denne Traktat.

Zu Urkund dessen haben die unterzeichneten Bevollmächtigten ihre Unterschriften unter diesen Vertrag gesetzt.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have affixed their signatures below this Treaty.

En foi de quoi, les plénipotentiaires soussignés ont apposé leurs signatures au bas du présent traité.

Dá fhianú sin, chuir na Lánchumhachtaigh thíos-sínithe a lámh leis an gConradh seo.

In fede di che, i plenipotenziari sottoscritti hanno apposto le loro firme in calce al presente trattato.

Ten blijke waarvan de ondergetekende gevolmachtigden hun handtekening onder dit Verdrag hebben gesteld.

Til bekræftelse herav har nedenstående befuldmægtigede undertegnet denne Traktat.

Udferdiget i Bruxelles, den toogtyvende januar nitten hundrede og tooghalvfjerds.

Geschehen zu Brüssel am zweiundzwanzigsten Januar neunzehnhundertzweiundsiebzig.

Done at Brussels on this twenty-second day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two.

Fait à Bruxelles, le vingt-deux janvier mil neuf cent soixante-douze.

Arna dhéanamh sa Bhruiséil, an dóú lá is fiche d'Eanáir, míle naoi gcéad seachtó a dó.

Fatto a Bruxelles, addì ventidue gennaio millenovecentosettantadue.

Gedaan te Brussel, de tweeëntwintigste januari negentienhonderdtweeënzeventig.

Utferdiget i Brussel den tjueandre januar nitten hundre og syttito.

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