

Treaty

between
the Member States of the European Communities
and
the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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

22 January 1972

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,
THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC,
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 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:

[There follows the list of the signatories to the Treaty. This has been omitted, except for the United Kingdom]

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 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 of 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 and Italian languages, the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Irish and Italian texts all being equally authentic, will be deposited in the archive of the Government of the Italian Republic, which will transmit a certified copy to each of the Governments of the other signatory States.

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

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