

Memorandum annexed to the application for accession submitted by Sweden (28 July 1967)

Caption: On 26 July 1967, Sweden submits its application for accession to the European Economic Community (EEC). This is accompanied by a memorandum, dated 28 July, in which the Swedish Government states that its policy of neutrality must be acknowledged in the negotiations and that the negotiations must be aligned as closely as possible with those conducted with other Member States of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

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1. As the Swedish Minister of Commerce had already stated on 28 July 1962, Sweden desires to establish extensive, far-reaching and lasting economic relations with the European Economic Community. For its part, the Swedish Government does not wish to exclude any of the forms of participation in an enlarged Community which are provided for by the Treaty of Rome. Accession as a member is a form which the Swedish Government already considered in 1961-62 to have certain advantages.

The decisive factor for the Swedish Government is that our policy of neutrality remains unchanged and that the reservations resulting from this should be admitted. The Swedish Government hopes that the possibilities and the problems to be envisaged in this connection may be examined in detail during the negotiations which we request.

2. The Government understands perfectly that the opening of negotiations must be fixed at a date convenient to the Community. On the other hand, it considers that it is essential that Sweden should be able to undertake negotiations as closely as possible to those of the other countries of the European Free Trade Association.

Brussels, 28 July 1967