

Exchange of Telegrams between Walter Hallstein and Konstantinos Karamanlis (October 1962)

Caption: On 1 November 1962, the Association Agreement between Greece and the European Community came into force. President of the Commission of the European Economic Community Walter Hallstein and Greek Prime Minister Konstantinos Karamanlis express their pleasure at future collaboration between the EEC and Greece.

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Exchange of telegrams between Walter Hallstein, President of the EEC Commission, and Konstantinos Karamanlis, Prime Minister of Greece (October 1962)

“May I take this opportunity of the exchange of instruments ratifying the Association Agreement between Greece and the European Economic Community, to send your Excellency my best wishes. My colleagues in the Commission and myself have particular pleasure in welcoming Greece as an associated country of the European Economic Community, thus testifying — in a manner befitting the political institutions of our day — that for centuries past she has formed an integral part of Europe and Western culture and civilization. It is my firm conviction that this association will have great economic and political significance for both parties, and that it will make a substantial contribution to the prosperity of Greece. I am very happy that the Agreement will soon be coming into force, and I place great hopes in future collaboration between your country and the Community.”

Walter Hallstein,
President of the Commission of the European Economic Community.

“My warmest thanks for your telegram, which gives me the opportunity of proclaiming once again how much importance His Majesty’s Government and the Greek people attach to the association between Greece and the European Economic Community which we have today inaugurated. This association is not only a solemn confirmation of the political, cultural and ideological ties uniting my country to the countries of the Community, it also offers vast scope for an economic co-operation which, by raising the standard of living of the Greek people, will certainly play its part in achieving the general aim of a peace firmly rooted on stability and prosperity.”

Konstantinos Karamanlis,
Prime Minister.