

Communiqué from the Finnish Cabinet meeting on NORDEK (24 March 1970)

Caption: On 24 March 1970, Finland informs its partners that it has decided not to sign the Nordek Treaty, which seeks to establish a Nordic economic cooperation organisation.

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The Government decided at its plenary session on March 24, 1970 to record the following on the treaty concerning the establishment of an organisation for nordic economic cooperation:

1. The Government considers that the results of the NORDEK-negotiations concur as to the substance with the objectives the Government set for the treaty.
2. The Government considers further that according to Finnish legislation the signing of the treaty constitutes an essential part of the implementation procedure of the treaty.
3. The Government considers also that as the other Nordic countries are at present making preparations for negotiations on joining the European Economic Community the establishment of NORDEK and the continuous application of the treaty is uncertain even in the light of the reservations made by Finland and that in the Government's opinion the treaty does not appear to meet under existing conditions, the requirements of stability and permanence to be set to a treaty.
4. Therefore, the Government considers that the treaty should not be signed at this stage.