

Message from Romano Prodi on the outcome of the referendum in Malta (9 March 2003)

Caption: On 9 March 2003, Romano Prodi, President of the European Commission, welcomes the positive outcome of the referendum held in Malta on that country's accession to the European Union.

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Message from Romano Prodi, President of the European Commission, in reaction to the results of the referendum in Malta on its membership of the European Union (9 March 2003)

I welcome with special satisfaction the decision of the people of Malta confirming their entry into the European Union. This vote is a positive signal for the ratification process of this enlargement.

This is a historic choice which will have a lasting impact for the future of Malta for generations to come. This is a choice for stability and growth, as well as for the peaceful reunification of Europe and the European people.

Malta will participate with equal rights and equal obligations in European decision-making. The European Union is a Union of minorities, where no country has a majority. The Union is a unique case in world history in terms of respecting the rights of all its members, irrespective of whether they are big or small.

To the Maltese I say "We welcome you wholeheartedly. We are very much looking forward to your concrete contributions to our common development".