

Council Decision concerning the accession of Denmark, Ireland, Norway and the United Kingdom to the ECSC (22 January 1972)

Caption: On 22 January 1972, the Council of the European Communities decides that Denmark, Ireland, Norway and the United Kingdom may become members of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and sets out the conditions of its accession.

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Decision of the Council of the European Communities of 22 January 1972 concerning the accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland, the Kingdom of Norway, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the European Coal and Steel Community

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to article 98 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community,

Whereas the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have applied to accede to the European Coal and Steel Community,

Having regard to the Opinion of the Commission,

Whereas the conditions of accession to be determined by the Council have been negotiated with the aforementioned States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. The Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland may become members of the European Coal and Steel Community by acceding, under the conditions laid down in this Decision, to the Treaty establishing that Community, as amended or supplemented.
2. The conditions of accession and the adjustments to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community necessitated thereby are set out in the Act annexed to this Decision. The provisions of that Act concerning the European Coal and Steel Community shall form an integral part of this Decision.
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 Treaty referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply in respect of this Decision.

Article 2

The instruments of accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the European Coal and Steel Community will be deposited with the government of the French Republic on 1 January 1973.

Accession will take effect on 1 January 1973, provided that all the instruments of accession have been deposited on that date and that all the instruments of ratification of the Treaty concerning accession to the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community have been deposited before that date.

If, however, the States referred to in the first paragraph of this Article have not all deposited their instruments of accession and ratification in due time, accession shall take effect for the other acceding States. 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 Decision, and Articles 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 142, 155 and 160 of the Act concerning the conditions of accession and the adjustments to the Treaties; 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 accession and ratification have lapsed, or it may adjust them.

The government of the French Republic will transmit a certified copy of the instrument of accession of each

acceding State to the governments of the member States and of the other acceding States.

Article 3

This Decision, drawn up in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Irish, Italian and Norwegian languages, all eight texts being equally authentic, shall be communicated to the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 22 January 1972

For the Council

The President
G. THORN