

Council Conclusions on the enlargement of the European Union (17 October 2006)

Caption: On 17 October 2006, following the European Commission's final Monitoring Report issued on 26 September, the Council of the European Union decides to welcome Bulgaria and Romania as Member States of the European Union as from 1 January 2007.

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The Council adopted the following conclusions:

“The Council welcomes the Commission’s report which concludes that Bulgaria and Romania, based on the progress made, will be in a position to take on the rights and obligations of membership on 1 January 2007.

The Council commends Bulgaria and Romania for the reforms undertaken and invites both countries to complete their final preparations. It underlines the importance of continued political commitment of both countries to address outstanding issues.

The Council supports the mechanism to be set up for cooperation and verification of the progress in the area of judicial reform and the fight against organised crime and corruption, including, if necessary and appropriate, the possibility to impose safeguards, as well as the other measures identified by the Commission to accompany Bulgaria’s and Romania’s accession. These will aim to ensure the proper functioning of EU policies and institutions after accession.

The Council notes the advanced state of the ongoing process of ratification of the Accession Treaty and looks forward to welcoming Bulgaria and Romania as members of the Union 1 January 2007.”