

Protocol for the accession of Greece to WEU (Rome, 20 November 1992)

Caption: Protocol for the accession of Greece to Western European Union (WEU), signed in Rome on 20 November 1992 and which entered into force on 6 March 1995.

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***Protocol of accession of the Hellenic Republic
to Western European Union
together with an annex***

The High Contracting Parties to the Treaty of Economic, Social and Cultural Collaboration and Collective Self-Defence, signed at Brussels on 17th March 1948, as modified and completed by the Protocol signed at Paris on 23rd October 1954 and the other protocols and annexes which form an integral part thereof, hereinafter referred to as “the Treaty”, on the one hand,

and the Hellenic Republic on the other,

Reaffirming the common destiny which binds their countries and in accordance with the undertaking to complete a European Union made at Maastricht on 7th February 1992 in the Treaty on European Union;

Convinced that the construction of an integrated Europe will remain incomplete as long as it does not include the development of a European security and defence identity;

Determined to strengthen the rôle of WEU, in the longer-term perspective of a common defence policy within the European Union which might in time lead to a common defence, compatible with that of the Atlantic Alliance;

Noting that the Hellenic Republic, which is fully committed to the process of European construction and is a member of the Atlantic Alliance, has formally stated that it is prepared to accede to the Treaty;

Noting that the Hellenic Republic accepts the agreements, decisions and rules adopted in conformity with the Treaty and the declarations starting with the Rome Declaration of 27th October 1984;

Noting that the Hellenic Republic undertakes to develop WEU as the defence component of the European Union and as the means to strengthen the European pillar of the Atlantic Alliance, in keeping with the obligation entered into on 10th December 1991 in the Declaration on the rôle of WEU and its relations with the European Union and with the Atlantic Alliance attached to the Treaty on European Union, and accepts in full the Petersberg Declaration, in particular its Part III, issued on 19th June 1992;

Recalling the invitation issued on 30th June 1992 by the German Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman-in-Office of the Council of Western European Union to the Hellenic Republic to open discussions with a view to its possible accession to the Treaty;

Noting the satisfactory conclusion of the discussions which followed this invitation;

Noting the invitation to accede to the Treaty issued to the Hellenic Republic on 20th November 1992;

Considering that the enlargement of Western European Union to include the Hellenic Republic represents a significant step in the development of the European security and defence identity;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

By the present Protocol, the Hellenic Republic accedes to the Treaty.

Article II

By its accession to the Treaty, the Hellenic Republic becomes party to the agreements concluded between the member states, as listed in an annex to the present Protocol.

Article III

Each of the signatory states shall notify the Belgian Government of the acceptance, approval or ratification of the present Protocol, which shall enter into force on the day of the receipt of the last of

these notifications. The Belgian Government shall inform the signatory states of each such notification and of the entry into force of the Protocol.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed the present Protocol.

Done at Rome this twentieth day of November 1992 in the English and French languages; both texts being equally authoritative, in a single original, which shall remain deposited in the archives of the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, which shall transmit a certified copy to the governments of the other signatory states.

For the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium:

For the Government of the French Republic:

For the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany:

For the Government of the Hellenic Republic:

For the Government of the Italian Republic:

For the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg:

For the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands:

For the Government of the Portuguese Republic:

For the Government of the Kingdom of Spain:

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

ANNEX

Agreements concluded between the member states in fulfilment of the Treaty:

1. Agreement on the status of Western European Union, national representatives and international staff, signed at Paris on 11th May 1955.
2. Agreement drawn up in implementation of Article V of Protocol No. II to the Treaty, signed at Paris on 14th December 1957.