

FINAL ACT

The plenipotentiaries of:

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, hereinafter referred to as "the Community",

and of:

THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM,

THE CZECH REPUBLIC,

THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK,

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,

THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA,

IRELAND,

THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC,

THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN,

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,

THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,

THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS,

THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA,

THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA,

THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG,

THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY,

MALTA,

THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS,

THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA,

THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND,

THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC,

THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA,

THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC,

THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND,

THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN,

THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,

Contracting Parties to the Treaty establishing the EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, hereinafter referred to as the "EC Member States",

the plenipotentiaries of:

ICELAND,

THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN,

THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY,

hereinafter referred to as the "EFTA States",

all together Contracting Parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area done at Oporto on 2 May 1992, hereinafter referred to as the "EEA Agreement", together hereinafter referred to as the "Present Contracting Parties", and

the plenipotentiaries of:

THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA,

ROMANIA,

hereinafter referred to as the "New Contracting Parties",

meeting at Brussels, this twenty-fifth day of July in the year two thousand and seven for the signature of the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the European Economic Area, have adopted the following texts:

I. Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the European Economic Area (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement");

II. The texts listed below which are annexed to the Agreement:

Annex A: List referred to in Article 3 of the Agreement;

Annex B: List referred to in Article 4 of the Agreement.

The plenipotentiaries of the Present Contracting Parties and the plenipotentiaries of the New Contracting Parties have adopted the Joint Declarations and Statements listed below and annexed to this Final Act:

1. Joint Declaration on the timely ratification of the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the European Economic Area;
2. Joint Declaration on the expiry date of the transitional arrangements;
3. Joint Declaration concerning the application of the rules of origin after entry into force of the Agreement on the Participation of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the European Economic Area;
4. Joint Declaration on trade in agricultural products and processed agricultural products;
5. Joint Declaration on Liechtenstein's sectoral adaptation in the field of free movement of persons;
6. Joint Statement on the priority sectors mentioned in Protocol 38a;
7. Joint Statement on the financial contributions.

The plenipotentiaries of the Present Contracting Parties and the plenipotentiaries of the New Contracting Parties have taken note of the Declarations listed below and annexed to this Final Act:

1. General Joint Declaration of the EFTA States;
2. Joint Declaration by the EFTA States on free movement of workers;
3. Unilateral Declaration by the Government of Liechtenstein on the Addendum to Protocol 38a.

They have further agreed that, at the latest by the entry into force of the Agreement, the EEA Agreement, as amended by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area and the full texts of each of the Decisions of the EEA Joint Committee, have to be drawn up and authenticated by the representatives of the Present Contracting Parties and the New Contracting Parties in the Bulgarian and Romanian languages.

They take note of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning a Cooperation Programme for Economic Growth and Sustainable Development in Bulgaria, which is also annexed to this Final Act.

They also take note of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning a Cooperation Programme for Economic Growth and Sustainable Development in Romania, which is annexed to this Final Act.

They then take note of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland consequent on the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, which is annexed to this Final Act.

They furthermore take note of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway consequent on the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, which is also annexed to this Final Act.

They underline that the abovementioned agreements and protocols have been agreed upon under the assumption that participation in the European Economic Area remains unchanged.