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**Done at Athens on 16 April 2003**

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1999**

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Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

**TREATY CONCERNING THE ACCESSION OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC,  
THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA, THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, THE  
REPUBLIC OF LATVIA, THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA, THE  
REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY, THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA, THE REPUBLIC  
OF POLAND, THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA AND THE SLOVAK  
REPUBLIC TO THE EUROPEAN UNION**

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC,  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF DENMARK,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC,  
HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF SPAIN,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,  
THE PRESIDENT OF IRELAND,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA,  
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUKE OF LUXEMBOURG,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY,  
THE PRESIDENT OF MALTA,  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS,  
THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA,  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND,

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN,

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT  
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,

*United* in their desire to pursue the attainment of the objectives of the Treaties on which the European Union is founded,

*Determined* in the spirit of those Treaties to continue the process of creating an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe on the foundations already laid,

*Considering* that Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union affords European States the opportunity of becoming members of the Union,

*Considering* that the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic have applied to become members of the Union,

*Considering* that the Council of the European Union, after having obtained the opinion of the Commission and the assent of the European Parliament, has declared itself in favour of the admission of these States,

**HAVE DECIDED** to establish by common agreement the conditions of admission and the adjustments to be made to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded, and to this end have designated as their Plenipotentiaries:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS,  
Guy VERHOFSTADT  
Prime Minister  
Louis MICHEL  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC,  
Václav KLAUS  
President  
Vladimír ŠPIDLA  
Prime Minister  
Cyril SVOBODA  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Pavel TELIČKA  
Head of the delegation of the Czech Republic for the negotiations on the accession to the European Union and  
Ambassador and Head of the Mission of the Czech Republic to the European Communities

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF DENMARK,

Anders Fogh RASMUSSEN  
Prime Minister  
Dr. Per Stig MØLLER  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,  
Gerhard SCHRÖDER  
Federal Chancellor  
Joseph FISCHER  
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs and Deputy Federal Chancellor  
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA,  
Arnold RÜÜTEL  
President  
Kristiina OJULAND  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC,  
Konstantinos SIMITIS  
Prime Minister  
Giorgos PAPANDREOU  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Tassos GIANNITSIS  
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF SPAIN,  
José Maria AZNAR LÓPEZ  
President of the Government  
Ana PALACIO VALLELERSUNDI  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,  
Jean-Pierre RAFFARIN  
Prime Minister  
Dominique GALOUZEAU DE VILLEPIN  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Noëlle LENOIR  
Minister attached to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, with responsibility for European Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF IRELAND,  
Bertie AHERN  
Taoiseach  
Brian COWEN  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,  
Silvio BERLUSCONI  
Prime Minister

Franco FRATTINI  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS,  
Tassos PAPADOPOULOS  
President  
George IACOVOU  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA,  
Vaira VĪķe-FREIBERGA  
President  
Einars REPŠE  
Prime Minister  
Sandra KALNIETE  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Andris KESTERIS  
Chief Negotiator for the Accession of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union,  
Undersecretary of State of the  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA,  
Algirdas Mykolas BRAZAUSKAS  
Prime Minister  
Antanas VALIONIS  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUKE OF LUXEMBOURG,  
Jean-Claude JUNCKER  
Prime Minister, Ministre d'Etat  
Lydie POLFER  
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY,  
Dr. Péter MEDGYESSY  
Prime Minister  
László KOVÁCS  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Dr. Endre JUHÁSZ  
Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary to the European Union, Chief Negotiator for  
the Accession of the Republic  
of Hungary to the European Union

THE PRESIDENT OF MALTA,  
The Hon Edward FENECH ADAMI  
Prime Minister  
The Hon Joe BORG  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Richard CACHIA CARUANA  
Head of the Delegation entrusted with the negotiations

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS,  
Jan Pieter BALKENENDE  
Prime Minister  
Jakob Gijsbert de HOOP SCHEFFER  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
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THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA,  
Dr. Wolfgang SCHÜSSEL  
Federal Chancellor  
Dr. Benita FERRERO-WALDNER  
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND,  
Leszek MILLER  
Prime Minister  
Włodzimierz CIMOSZEWICZ  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Dr. Danuta HÜBNER  
Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC,  
José Manuel DURÃO BARROSO  
Prime Minister  
António MARTINS DA CRUZ  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA,  
Dr. Janez DRNOVŠEK  
President  
Anton ROP  
Prime Minister  
Dr. Dimitrij RUPEL  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC,  
Rudolf SCHUSTER  
President  
Mikuláš DZURINDA  
Prime Minister  
Eduard KUKAN  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Ján FIGEL'  
Chief Negotiator for the Accession of the Slovak Republic to the European Union

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND,  
Paavo LIPPONEN  
Prime Minister  
Jari VILÉN

Minister of Foreign Trade

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN,  
Göran PERSSON  
Prime Minister  
Anna LINDH  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT  
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,  
The Rt. Hon Tony BLAIR  
Prime Minister  
The Rt. Hon Jack STRAW  
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

WHO, having exchanged their full powers found in good and due form,

**HAVE AGREED** as follows:

#### Article 1

1. The Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic hereby become members of the European Union and Parties to the Treaties on which the Union is founded as amended or supplemented.
2. The conditions of admission and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the Union is founded, entailed by such admission, are set out in the Act annexed to this Treaty. The provisions of that Act shall form an integral part of this Treaty.
3. The provisions concerning the rights and obligations of the Member States and the powers and jurisdiction of the institutions of the Union as set out in the Treaties referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply in respect of this Treaty.

#### Article 2

1. This Treaty shall be ratified by the High Contracting Parties in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Government of the Italian Republic by 30 April 2004 at the latest.
2. This Treaty shall enter into force on 1 May 2004 provided that all the instruments of ratification have been deposited before that date. If, however, the States referred to in Article 1(1) have not all deposited their instruments of ratification in due time, the Treaty shall enter into force for those States which have deposited their instruments. In this case, the Council of the European Union, acting unanimously, shall decide immediately upon such adjustments as have become indispensable to Article 3 of this Treaty, to Articles 1, 6(6), 11 to 15, 18, 19, 25, 26, 29 to 31, 33 to 35, 46 to 49 58 and 61 of the Act of Accession, to Annexes II to XV and their Appendices to that Act and to Protocols 1 to 10 annexed thereto; acting unanimously, it may also declare that

those provisions of the aforementioned Act, including its Annexes, Appendices and Protocols, which refer expressly to a State which has not deposited its instrument of ratification have lapsed, or it may adjust them.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, the institutions of the Union may adopt before accession the measures referred to in Articles 6(2) second subparagraph, 6(6) second subparagraph, 6(7) second and third subparagraphs, 6(8) second and third subparagraphs, 6(9) third subparagraph, 21, 23, 28(1), 32(5), 33(1), 33(4), 33(5), 38, 39, 41, 42 and 55 to 57 of the Act of Accession, Annexes III to XIV to that Act, and Protocol 2, Article 6 of Protocol 3, Article 2(2) of Protocol 4, Protocol 8 and Articles 1, 2 and 4 of Protocol 10 annexed thereto. These measures shall enter into force only subject to and on the date of the entry into force of this Treaty.

### Article 3

This Treaty, drawn up in a single original in the Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish and Swedish languages, the texts in each of these languages being equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the Italian Republic, which will remit a certified copy to each of the Governments of the other Signatory States.

In witness whereof the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed this Treaty.