

Previously published as
Miscellaneous Series
No. 15 (1993) Cm. 2236

WESTERN EUROPEAN
UNION



Treaty Series No. 74 (1995)

Protocol

of Accession of the Hellenic Republic
to the Western European Union

with Annex

Rome, 20 November 1992

[The Protocol entered into force on 6 March 1995]

*Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
October 1995*

LONDON : HMSO

£1.10 net

Cm 2977

**PROTOCOL
OF ACCESSION OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC
TO THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION WITH ANNEX**

The High Contracting Parties to the Treaty of Economic, Social and Cultural Collaboration and Collective Self-Defence, signed at Brussels on 17 March 1948¹, as modified and completed by the Protocol signed at Paris on 23 October 1954² 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 7 February 1992³ 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 role 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 27 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 10 December 1991 in the Declaration on the role 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 Petersburg Declaration, in particular its Part III, issued on 19 June 1992;

Recalling the invitation issued on 30 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 20 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.

¹ Treaty Series No. 1 (1949), Cmd. 7599.

² Treaty Series No. 39 (1955), Cmd. 9498.

³ European Communities No. 3 (1992), Cm 1934.

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 notifications¹. 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 20 November 1992, in two texts, in the English and French languages, each text being equally authoritative, a single copy of which shall remain deposited in the archives of the Belgian Government and certified copies of which shall be transmitted by that Government to each of the other signatories.

SIGNATURES

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of Signature</i>	<i>Date of Ratification</i>
Belgium	20 Nov 1992	6 Feb 1995
France	20 Nov 1992	7 Sep 1994
Germany	20 Nov 1992	13 Sep 1994
Greece	20 Nov 1992	10 Jun 1994
Italy	20 Nov 1992	27 Jul 1994
Luxembourg	20 Nov 1992	7 Sep 1994
Netherlands, The	20 Nov 1992	6 Mar 1995
Portugal	20 Nov 1992	6 Mar 1995
Spain	20 Nov 1992	2 Feb 1994
United Kingdom	20 Nov 1992	16 Sep 1993

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 11 May 1955².
2. Agreement drawn up in implementation of Article V of Protocol No II to the Treaty, signed at Paris on 14 December 1957³.

¹ The Protocol entered into force on 6 March 1995.

² Treaty Series No. 42 (1957), Cmnd. 173.

³ Treaty Series No. 37 (1962), Cmnd. 1712.

