

FINAL ACT

The plenipotentiaries of:

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,

hereinafter referred to as "the Community", and of:

THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM,

THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK,

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,

THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC,

THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN,

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,

IRELAND,

THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,

THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG,

THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS,

THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA,

THE PORTUGUESE 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:

THE REPUBLIC 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 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,

THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC,

hereinafter referred to as the "New Contracting Parties",

meeting at Luxembourg on the fourteenth day of October in the year two thousand and three for the signature of the Agreement on the Participation 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 in the European Economic Area, have adopted the following texts:

I. Agreement on the Participation 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 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 listed below and annexed to this Final Act:

1. Joint Declaration on the simultaneous enlargement of the European Union and the European Economic Area;

2. Joint Declaration concerning the application of the rules of origin after entry into force of the Agreement on the participation 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 in the European Economic Area;
3. Joint Declaration on Article 126 of the EEA Agreement.

The plenipotentiaries of the Community, the EC Member States, the EFTA States and 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. Joint Declaration of the EFTA States on the internal electricity market;
4. Declaration by the Government of Liechtenstein;
5. Declaration of the Czech Republic concerning the unilateral Declaration by the Principality of Liechtenstein;

6. Declaration of the Slovak Republic concerning the unilateral Declaration by the Principality of Liechtenstein;
7. Declaration by Estonia, Latvia, Malta and Slovenia on Article 5 of Protocol 38a on the EEA Financial Mechanism;
8. Declaration by the Commission of the European Communities on the rules of origin in fish and fishery products.

The plenipotentiaries of the Present Contracting Parties and the plenipotentiaries of the New Contracting Parties have also agreed that the New Contracting Parties shall be adequately informed and consulted on any relevant matters to be dealt with in the EEA Council and EEA Joint Committee during the period preceding participation of the New Contracting Parties in the European Economic Area.

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 Contracting Parties in the Czech, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Slovak and Slovenian languages.

They take note of the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Community on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the Period 2004 – 2009, which is also annexed to this Final Act.

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

They then 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 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, which is annexed to this Final Act.

They furthermore take note of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning certain agricultural products, which is also annexed to this Final Act.

They underline that the abovementioned agreements and protocols constitute component elements of an overall solution to the various issues addressed in connection with the participation of the New Contracting Parties in the European Economic Area, and that the Agreement and the four related agreements should enter into force simultaneously.