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**ITALY, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRANCE,  
GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF, GREECE,  
IRELAND, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS,  
PORTUGAL, SPAIN and UNITED KINGDOM  
OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Single European Act (with final act). Signed at Luxembourg  
on 17 February 1986 and at The Hague on 28 February  
1986**

*Authentic texts: Danish, German, Greek, English, Spanish, French, Irish,  
Italian, Dutch and Portuguese.*

**Partial termination of the above-mentioned Act**

*Registered by Italy on 28 December 1993.*

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**ITALIE, ALLEMAGNE, RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D',  
BELGIQUE, DANEMARK, ESPAGNE, FRANCE,  
GRÈCE, IRLANDE, LUXEMBOURG, PAYS-BAS,  
PORTUGAL ET ROYAUME-UNI  
DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Acte unique européen (avec acte final). Signé à Luxembourg  
le 17 février 1986 et à La Haye le 28 février 1986**

*Textes authentiques : danois, allemand, grec, anglais, espagnol, français,  
irlandais, italien, néerlandais et portugais.*

**Abrogation partielle de l'Acte susmentionné**

*Enregistré par l'Italie le 28 décembre 1993.*

## SINGLE EUROPEAN ACT<sup>1</sup>

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HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS,

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF DENMARK,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,

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,

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 July 1987, i.e., the first day of the month following the deposit with the Government of Italy of the instrument of ratification by the last Signatory State, in accordance with article 33 (2):

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of deposit of the instrument of ratification</i>
Belgium .....	25 August 1986
Denmark .....	13 June 1986
France .....	29 December 1986
Germany, Federal Republic of .....	29 December 1986
(With a declaration of application to <i>Land Berlin</i> .)	
Greece .....	31 December 1986
Ireland* .....	24 June 1987
Italy* .....	30 December 1986
Luxembourg .....	17 December 1986
Netherlands .....	24 December 1986
Portugal .....	31 December 1986
Spain .....	18 December 1986
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland .....	19 November 1986

\* For the texts of the declarations made upon ratification, see p. 585 of this volume.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUKE OF LUXEMBOURG,

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC,

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

MOVED by the will to continue the work undertaken on the basis of the Treaties establishing the European Communities and to transform relations as a whole among their States into a European Union, in accordance with the Solemn Declaration of Stuttgart of 19 June 1983.

RESOLVED to implement this European Union on the basis, firstly, of the Communities operating in accordance with their own rules and, secondly, of European Co-operation among the Signatory States in the sphere of foreign policy and to invest this union with the necessary means of action,

DETERMINED to work together to promote democracy on the basis of the fundamental rights recognized in the constitutions and laws of the Member States, in the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms<sup>1</sup> and the European Social Charter,<sup>2</sup> notably freedom, equality and social justice,

CONVINCED that the European idea, the results achieved in the fields of economic integration and political co-operation, and the need for new developments correspond to the wishes of the democratic peoples of Europe, for whom the European Parliament, elected by universal suffrage, is an indispensable means of expression,

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 213, p. 221.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 529, p. 89.

AWARE of the responsibility incumbent upon Europe to aim at speaking ever increasingly with one voice and to act with consistency and solidarity in order more effectively to protect its common interests and independence, in particular to display the principles of democracy and compliance with the law and with human rights to which they are attached, so that together they may make their own contribution to the preservation of international peace and security in accordance with the undertaking entered into by them within the framework of the United Nations Charter,

DETERMINED to improve the economic and social situation by extending common policies and pursuing new objectives, and to ensure a smoother functioning of the Communities by enabling the Institutions to exercise their powers under conditions most in keeping with Community interests,

WHEREAS at their Conference in Paris from 19 to 21 October 1972 the Heads of State or of Government approved the objective of the progressive realization of Economic and Monetary Union,

HAVING REGARD to the Annex to the conclusions of the Presidency of the European Council in Bremen on 6 and 7 July 1978 and the Resolution of the European Council in Brussels on 5 December 1978 on the introduction of the European Monetary System (EMS) and related questions, and noting that in accordance with that Resolution, the Community and the Central Banks of the Member States have taken a number of measures intended to implement monetary co-operation,

HAVE DECIDED to adopt this Act and to this end have designated as their plenipotentiaries:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS,

Mr Leo TINDEMANS,  
Minister for External Relations;

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF DENMARK,

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER,  
Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC,

Mr Karolos PAPOULIAS,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF SPAIN,

Mr Francisco FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,

Mr Roland DUMAS,  
Minister for External Relations:

THE PRESIDENT OF IRELAND,

Mr Peter BARRY, T.D.,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS OF GRAND DUKE OF LUXEMBOURG,

Mr Robert GOEBBELS,  
State Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS,

Mr Hans van den BROEK,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs;