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

**Treaty on European Union (with protocols and final act).
Concluded at Maastricht on 7 February 1992**

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

Registered by Italy on 28 December 1993.

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

**Traité sur l'Union européenne (avec protocoles et acte final).
Conclu à Maastricht le 7 février 1992**

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irlandais, italien, néerlandais et portugais.*

Enregistré par l'Italie le 28 décembre 1993.

TREATY¹ ON EUROPEAN UNION

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,

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,

¹ Came into force on 1 November 1993, i.e., the first day of the month following the deposit of the last instrument of ratification with the Government of Italy, in accordance with article R (2):

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of deposit of the instrument of ratification</i>
Belgium	19 December 1992
Denmark	17 June 1993
France	4 November 1992
Germany	13 October 1993
Greece	3 November 1992
Ireland	23 November 1992
Italy	5 December 1992
Luxembourg	28 August 1992
Netherlands	28 December 1992
Portugal	16 February 1993
Spain	31 December 1992
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ..	2 August 1993

RESOLVED to mark a new stage in the process of European integration undertaken with the establishment of the European Communities,

RECALLING the historic importance of the ending of the division of the European continent and the need to create firm bases for the construction of the future Europe,

CONFIRMING their attachment to the principles of liberty, democracy and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and of the rule of law,

DESIRING to deepen the solidarity between their peoples while respecting their history, their culture and their traditions,

DESIRING to enhance further the democratic and efficient functioning of the institutions so as to enable them better to carry out, within a single institutional framework, the tasks entrusted to them,

RESOLVED to achieve the strengthening and the convergence of their economies and to establish an economic and monetary union including, in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty, a single and stable currency,

DETERMINED to promote economic and social progress for their peoples, within the context of the accomplishment of the internal market and of reinforced cohesion and environmental protection, and to implement policies ensuring that advances in economic integration are accompanied by parallel progress in other fields,

RESOLVED to establish a citizenship common to nationals of their countries,

RESOLVED to implement a common foreign and security policy including the eventual framing of a common defence policy, which might in time lead to a common defence, thereby reinforcing the European identity and its independence in order to promote peace, security and progress in Europe and in the world,

REAFFIRMING their objective to facilitate the free movement of persons, while ensuring the safety and security of their peoples, by including provisions on justice and home affairs in this Treaty,

RESOLVED to continue the process of creating an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe, in which decisions are taken as closely as possible to the citizen in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity,

IN VIEW of further steps to be taken in order to advance European integration,

HAVE DECIDED to establish a European Union and to this end have designated as their plenipotentiaries:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS:

Mark EYSKENS,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

Philippe MAYSTADT,
Minister for Finance;

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF DENMARK:

Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

Anders FOGH RASMUSSEN,
Minister for Economic Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY:

Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER,
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs;

Theodor WAIGEL,
Federal Minister for Finance;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC:

Antonios SAMARAS,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

Efthymios CHRISTODOULOU,
Minister for Economic Affairs;

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF SPAIN:

Francisco FERNÁNDEZ ORDÓÑEZ,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

Carlos SOLCHAGA CATALÁN,
Minister for Economic Affairs and Finance;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC:

Roland DUMAS,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

Pierre BEREGOVOY,
Minister for Economic and Financial Affairs and the Budget;

THE PRESIDENT OF IRELAND:

Gerard COLLINS,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

Bertie AHERN,
Minister for Finance;