

Norway's application for membership to the EEC (Oslo, 21 July 1967)

Caption: On 21 July 1967, Norwegian Foreign Minister, Jong Lyng, presented to the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community Norway's second application for membership of the EEC.

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Mr President,

By its decision of 13 July 1967, the Norwegian Parliament approved the "submission by the Government of an application for membership of the European Communities."

In accordance with this decision and referring to the Norwegian Government's letter of 30 April 1962, I have the honour to request the opening of negotiations with a view to drawing up the agreement mentioned as the basis for accession in paragraph 2 of Article 237 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community. The Norwegian Government also wishes to accede to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, as laid down in Article 98, and also to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, in accordance with its Article 205.

The letter of 30 April 1962 already indicated that Norway's accession to the European Economic Community would pose special problems because of the country's geographic situation and economic structure. The Norwegian Government, nevertheless, trusts that with understanding on both sides it will be possible to find satisfactory solutions to these problems in the course of negotiations.

Please accept, Mr President, the assurance of my highest consideration.

John Lyng