

Reply from the Council of the European Economic Community (27 September 1961)

Caption: On 27 September 1961, the Council of Ministers of the European Communities accepts Denmark's request to begin negotiations as quickly as possible on the issue of Denmark's accession to the European Economic Community (EEC).

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Mr. Minister,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 10 August 1961 and to inform Your Excellency that the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community has at its session of 25, 26 and 27 September 1961 given its opinion on the application made by the Danish Government for the opening of negotiations with a view to accession to the Treaty of Rome under the terms of Article 237 of that Treaty.

I am glad to be able to inform Your Excellency that the Council of Ministers has unanimously approved the opening of such negotiations.

In order that the Community be enabled to discuss certain matters of procedure and to obtain information on the specific problems to which the Danish Government's application gives rise, I am also authorized to propose to Your Excellency that a first meeting be held in Brussels on 25 October 1961, which would be followed by the negotiations proper at a later date to be decided in the light of the time required to study the results of the first meeting.

(sgd. Müller-Armack)