

Norway's application for membership to the EEC (Oslo, 30 April 1962)

Caption: On 30 April 1962, Norwegian Foreign Minister, Halvard Lange, submits to the Council of the European Economic Community the first request for Norwegian accession to the EEC.

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Sir,

On behalf of the Norwegian Government and in accordance with the decision taken by the Norwegian Parliament on 28 April 1962, I have the honour to request under the provisions of Article 237 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, signed on 25 March 1957 at Rome, that negotiations be opened with a view to Norway's accession to that Treaty.

The Norwegian Government, which is desirous of contributing to the attainment of the aims of the Treaty, as set out in its preamble, would be glad if negotiations on the conditions of admission could be opened in the near future.

Norway's accession to the European Economic Community will raise special problems owing to its geographical situation and economic structure. The Norwegian Government hopes, however, that by a display of mutual understanding, it will prove possible to find satisfactory solutions to these problems in the course of the negotiations.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Halvard Lange.