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LETTER  
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GREEK PARLIAMENT AND TO  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT  
FORWARDING THE REPORT

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Sir,

In accordance with Article 2 of Decision No 1/63 of the Association Council relating to the Parliamentary Committee of the Association, I am forwarding to you herewith the annual report of the Association Council.

This report - the fifth since the Association was reactivated in July 1974 - covers the period from May 1978 to April 1979.

For the Association Council

A. RUFFINI  
President-in-Office

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is the fifth report from the Association Council to the EEC - Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee since the Agreement was reactivated in 1974. It covers the period from May 1978 to April 1979.
2. During this period the Association Agreement continued to be implemented in accordance with its own particular rules. Nevertheless, as negotiations on Greece's accession to the Communities had just entered the final stage, the Association bodies' activities were in general confined to the day-to-day running of the Agreement and the Contracting Parties did not feel it necessary to call an Association Council meeting during the period in question.
3. The Association Committee, whose task it is to ensure the continuity of co-operation between the EEC and Greece required for the Agreement to work, met four times. Discussions at the meetings were chiefly concerned with certain problems to be resolved regarding implementation of the Agreement's provisions on the achievement and operation of the customs union and also textiles problems.
4. As the statistics in the Annex to this report show, Greece's foreign trade results were very good in 1978. This is particularly true of Greece's trade with its partners in the Association. From 1977 to 1978 its exports to the Member States of the Community increased by more than 30%, from \$1,300 million to about \$1,700 million, and its imports from the Nine also rose, by 15%, from nearly \$2,900 million to \$3,300 million.

5. Ratification and approval procedures for the Second EEC - Greece Financial Protocol, signed in Brussels on 28 February 1977, were completed by all the Contracting Parties in July 1978 and the Protocol came into force on 1 August 1978. Following a 20 MEUA global loan from the EIB to the National Investment Bank for Industrial Development (NIBID) in December 1978, several financing contracts, totalling 69 MEUA, were signed between the European Investment Bank and Greece in May 1979.
  
6. As is customary, the Association Council was represented by its President-in-Office at the two sessions of the EEC - Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee during the period under review, demonstrating the importance it attaches to the Committee's proceedings. Mr G. CONTOGEOGRIS, Greek Minister without portfolio, with responsibility for relations with the European Community, attended the XIVth session, in Salonica from 16 to 18 May 1978, and Mr K. von DOHNANYI, German Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, attended the XVth session, in Paris from 22 to 25 November 1978. Debates in both parliamentary sessions centred on problems in connection with the negotiations on Greece's accession to the Community. Textiles were the main Association matter discussed.

II. QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ACHIEVEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE  
CUSTOMS UNION

A. Achievement of the customs union in the field of tariffs

7. On 1 November 1978, as another step in the gradual achievement of the customs union, Greece further reduced its customs duties for the Community, under the timetable laid down in the Athens Agreement, on products in Annex I to the Agreement subject to phasing-out over 22 years. The percentage reduction for such products now stands at 60% of basic duties.

B. Questions outstanding with regard to the customs union

8. Discussions on this <sup>(1)</sup> continued at the Association Committee meetings in July and October 1978 and the two delegations finally reached agreement at the Association Committee meeting on 16 February 1979 on the substance of the solutions to the last remaining points outstanding and the date from which those solutions would actually apply. This agreement was particularly important on account of its implications in determining basic duties for the purposes of Greece's accession to the Community.

(a) Greece's conversion of specific duties into  
ad valorem duties

9. At the 101st Association Committee meeting, on 25 October 1978, the two delegations agreed that the ad valorem duties resulting from Greece's conversion of its specific duties would be subject to a 50% across-the-board reduction for the Community. At the 102nd Association Committee meeting (on 16 February 1979) the Greek delegation stated that the relevant measures had come into force on 26 January 1979.

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(<sup>1</sup>) For previous discussions, see previous report, section III A, paragraph 10, on page 7.



(b) Special tariff arrangements in the Dodecanese

10. Discussions on this point were reopened in the Association Committee, after it had seemed to be settled following the Greek memorandum of 14 January 1978 (in which Greece stated that it was prepared to discontinue the special tariff arrangements as soon as possible). At the Committee's meeting on 25 October 1978 the Greek delegation said that owing to the economic and social repercussions which rapid discontinuation of the preferential arrangements long enjoyed by the Dodecanese was bound to have for the Islands' inhabitants, the relevant Greek authorities would have to be given time to look in detail into the effects of any change in those arrangements. At the Association Committee meeting on 16 February 1979 the Greek delegation said its Government would very shortly be placing before its Parliament a bill aligning the Dodecanese customs arrangements on those for the rest of Greece in full as of the time of accession. This, it thought, would ensure that the same basic duties were applied throughout Greece's territory, including the Dodecanese, as requested by the Community.

This reply sparked off some concern on the Community's part. It felt that until a satisfactory solution had been found to the Dodecanese customs tariff problem, the accession negotiations on free movement of goods in the industrial sector could not be considered complete and it stated that it would be including this item on the agenda for the Deputies' meeting on 20 February 1979. At that meeting the Greek delegation said that a bill had been brought before the Greek Parliament on 20 February 1979 and the act in question would accord with the date on which basic duties generally were to be determined.

(c) Duty-free entry arrangements in Greece

11. At the Association Committee meeting on 26 July 1978 the two delegations agreed that the question of duty-free entry arrangements in Greece should be dealt with in the accession negotiations.

(d) Matches (a State monopoly in Greece)

12. The Greek delegation undertook to include in its tariff as of the date selected for determining basic duties a 30% ad valorem duty on matches, currently a State monopoly in Greece; the duty would be reduced commensurately with the phasing-out of tariffs for products in Annex I to the Agreement (22 years) <sup>(1)</sup>.

U. Other questions concerning the operation of the customs union

13. The Community delegation spoke at several Association Committee meetings of the problems arising when some Community products were imported into Greece due to the pro forma invoice system which could result in imports being held up in the event of price rises. Given in particular the way this system discriminated between imported goods and those manufactured in Greece, the Community regarded it as contrary to the Athens Agreement, especially Article 27.

The Greek delegation said the system had been introduced to provide a check on whether prices invoiced were to be regarded as true prices, in relation to those on the international market. Such checking was designed to enable the Greek authorities to uncover cases of over-invoicing so as to avoid the loss of foreign currency and unjustified price rises for the Greek consumer.

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<sup>(1)</sup> A special Protocol annexed to the Act of Accession specifies a basic duty on matches of 9.6% for the Community and 17.2% for the purposes of alignment on the CCT.

D. Application of Article 18 of the Athens Agreement (exceptional tariff measures to protect infant industries in Greece)

(a) Gearboxes and inflatable PVC boats (tariff headings ex 84.63 and ex 89.01 B 2 a) iii)) (1)

14. The Association Council had been informed by the Greek delegation on 13 October 1977 that Greece was invoking Article 18 of the Agreement for these two products. At the Community's request, the Greek delegation, at the Association Committee meeting on 26 July 1978, provided the following schedule for phasing out the customs duty on its imports from the Nine:

up to 30.8.1979	12%
31.8.1979 to 30.8.1980	9%
31.8.1980 to 30.8.1981 (2)	6%
31.8.1981 to 30.8.1982	3%

At the Association Committee meeting on 25 October 1978 the Greek delegation said that for third countries it wanted to continue with the duty applicable as of that date until the end of the period of application of Article 18 to the two products.

(b) Cathode-ray tubes for television sets (tariff heading 85.21 A 3)

15. In a letter of 26 January 1979 the Greek delegation informed the Association Council that, under Article 18 of the Agreement, Greece had reintroduced a customs duty for five years from 8 November 1978 at 12% for the Nine and 20% for other countries. In a note

{<sup>1</sup>  
2} See previous report, section III B, paragraph 11 on page 8.  
Note: Upon Greece's accession, any remaining duties from measures taken under Article 18 of the Association Agreement will be subject to the general tariff dismantling rules laid down in the Act of Accession, in the same way as other customs duties still applying at that date in trade between Greece and the Community.

attached to the letter it set out the grounds on which it claimed this step was justified. The Community delegation did not find the economic grounds entirely convincing and pointed out at the Association Committee meeting on 16 February 1979 that the Association Council had only been notified of the action some 2½ months after the event. It was also concerned at Greece reintroducing a customs duty on a product for which in the accession negotiations the reintroduction of quantitative restrictions had been requested - and turned down by the Community. The Community delegation wanted to know on what timescale Greece planned to phase out this customs duty.

The Greek delegation repeated that, economically, the grounds given in the note attached to its letter of 26 January 1979 fully justified the use of Article 18 for this product. It went on to point out to the Community that throughout the Association Agreement's life Greece had made only moderate use of the possibilities available to it under Article 18.

E. Greek request for the extension of Protocol No 10

16. As Decision No 1/75 on the implementation of paragraph 3 of Protocol No 10 was due to expire on 31.12.1978, the Greek Government, in a letter of 20.12.1978, requested its extension for a further year.

Following discussions at the Association Committee meeting on 16 February 1979 centring around the duty-free entry granted in respect of dried grapes by the Community to the least developed countries under its generalized scheme of preferences for 1979 <sup>(1)</sup> and the Greek Delegation's subsequent withdrawal of its reservation on the duration of that concession, the Association Council, on 26 March 1979, adopted by the written procedure Decision No 1/79 concerning the implementation of paragraph 3 of Protocol No 10 to the Association Agreement, thereby extending Decision No 1/75 until 31 December 1979.

F. Decision of the Association Council on the adjustments to be made to the lists and tariff nomenclature of certain products contained in the Agreement

17. As the Athens Agreement signed in 1961 included some lists of products whose tariff description was based on the Brussels nomenclature then obtaining and that nomenclature had since undergone a number of amendments, it was felt that the relevant tariff descriptions should be adjusted accordingly, in particular those in Annexes I, II and III and Protocol No 13 annexed to the Agreement. This adjustment had a further point in view of the preparation of the Act of Accession of Greece to the Community.

At the Association Committee meeting on 16 February 1979 the two delegations agreed to the draft Decision submitted by the Community delegation. The Association Council adopted Decision No 2/79 on the adjustments to be made to the lists and tariff nomenclature of certain products contained in the Association Agreement of 9 April 1979 by means of the written procedure.

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<sup>(1)</sup> See section IV B (b), paragraph 26, on page 17 below.

G. Difficulties regarding textiles

18. Owing to increasingly serious disruption of the Community textiles market brought about by an upsurge of imports from non-member countries at prices well below those of the Community textiles industry, the Council of the Community agreed in December 1977 on a package of measures to bring the situation under control.
19. In early summer 1978 the Community found that Greek exports of certain sensitive textile products to some Member States had risen very significantly; it therefore convened the Association Committee which met on 30 June. The Community delegation said that the Greek exports concerned qualified for a number of aid measures which were incompatible with the Athens Agreement and it was therefore resorting to measures under Article 55 of the Agreement for two product categories. The purport of those measures was that imports into the Member States affected of the two categories of products up to the end of 1978 must not exceed the annual figures laid down in the relevant Regulations (1).

At the Association Committee meeting on 30 June the Greek delegation strongly protested against these measures, which it felt contravened both the letter and the spirit of the Association Agreement. Greece held that the conditions for application by the Community of Article 55 of the Agreement were not fulfilled. Moreover it charged that under the Agreement Greek textiles exports to the Nine should qualify for the same liberalization arrangements as the Community Member States applied inter se.

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(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1574/78 of 5 July 1978 (OJEC No L 185, 7.7.1978) and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1858/78 of 31 July 1978 (OJEC No L 212, 2.8.1978).

20. It subsequently proved possible, thanks to the spirit of co-operation shown on both sides, to approve a Memorandum of Joint Action for 1978.
21. At the end of 1978 the two parties found that the system of administrative co-operation set up by the Memorandum of Joint Action had worked satisfactorily. Efforts on both sides had made it possible to find solutions acceptable and helpful to both Greece and the Community for the problems arising in the second half of 1978. Hence the two sides decided to renew the arrangement for a further year with the proviso that if ratification procedures for the Act of Accession of Greece to the Community were not in fact completed by the end of 1979 they would discuss what adjustments should be made for 1980.

### III. AGRICULTURAL QUESTIONS

#### A. Wine

22. By means of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2954/78 of 12 December 1978 <sup>(1)</sup> the Community renewed for 1979 the unilateral arrangements which it applied to its imports of Greek wine in 1978. These involved a Community tariff quota of 430,000 hl qualifying for an 85% reduction in the CCT subject to compliance with the Community reference price.

#### B. Olive oil

23. Greece was consulted on the Community regulations on imports of Greek olive oil for the 1978/1979 marketing year <sup>(2)</sup> at the Association Committee meeting on 25 October 1978. The Greek delegation took the opportunity of reiterating its criticisms, dating back to the introduction of the common agricultural policy for oils and fats in 1966, of the Community's arrangements for Greek olive oil, particularly the levy which they involved.

The Community delegation took note of the Greek statement. It pointed out that in the 1978/1979 marketing year Greece had considerably increased its olive oil exports to the Nine and had during that period moved into first place among the Community's external suppliers.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJEC No L 352, 16.12.1978

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Regulation (EEC) No 2749/78 of 23 November 1978 on trade in oils and fats between the Community and Greece and Council Regulation (EEC) No 2750/78 of 23 November 1978 on the standard amount for unprocessed olive oil produced entirely in Greece and transported direct from that country into the Community (OJEC No L 331, 28.11.1978). Both Regulations applied from 1 January 1979.



IV. TRADE POLICY

A. Application of Protocol No 10 (spirits of turpentine)

24. In accordance with Protocol No 10 to the Athens Agreement, as extended with some amendments by Association Council Decisions Nos 1/75 and 1/79, the Community sought the Association Council's agreement to the continued suspension of the CCT at 3% on spirits of turpentine for the period 1.7.1978 to 30.6.1979. Permission was given on 12 May 1978 via the Association Council's written procedure.

B. Application of Article 64 of the Agreement

(a) Consultation of Greece regarding the GATT multi-lateral trade negotiations (Tokyo Round)

25. Throughout the negotiations the Community and Greek delegations in Geneva kept in close touch. Consultations under Article 64 of the Agreement took place in Brussels before the negotiations entered the final stage and were on a restricted basis in view of the confidential nature of what was being discussed.

(b) Consultation of Greece on the Community generalized scheme of preferences for 1979

26. In mid-November 1978, before the Council of the Community adopted the various Regulations on the Community's generalized scheme of preferences for 1979, the Community delegation consulted Greece on the substance of the measures, under Article 64 of the Agreement. The Greek delegation had a reservation on the Community's intention of allowing the least developed countries covered by the Community's generalized preferences duty-free entry for dried grapes, a traditional Greek export <sup>(1)</sup>.

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<sup>(1)</sup> See section II E, first paragraph, on page 12 above.

V. ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE SECOND FINANCIAL PROTOCOL

27. Ratification and approval procedures for the Second EEC-Greece Financial Protocol, signed on 28 February 1977 <sup>(1)</sup>, were completed by all the Contracting Parties in July 1978 and the Protocol came into force on 1 August 1978 in accordance with Article 13(2).

28. The Greek delegation noted that the Community's internal arrangements needed to implement the Protocol had not yet been adopted by the EEC Council and at the Association Committee meeting on 26 July 1978 it stressed the urgency of the matter, pointing out that any delay in implementing the Financial Protocol would be harmful for Greece's economy and give rise to political difficulties in Greece.

At the Association Committee meeting on 25 October 1978, the Greek delegation raised the matter once again. The Community delegation said it was fully aware of the importance for the Greek Government of the funds provided under the Financial Protocol being channelled to the Greek economy without further delay. In response to a question by the Greek delegation, it added that the internal difficulties standing in the way of adoption of the Community's implementing Regulation were connected with the conciliation procedure between the Council and the European Parliament.

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<sup>(1)</sup> For the Protocol's content, see the 1976/1977 report, paragraph 27, on pages 27 to 29.

29. In December 1978, so that the Greek economy could benefit from the funds provided under the Financial Protocol without further delay, the Council of the Community provisionally agreed on an ad hoc procedure for the approval of projects to be financed with the help of funds from the Community budget under the Second Financial Protocol. Also in late 1978, the European Investment Bank advanced a 20 MEUA global loan to the National Investment Bank for Industrial Development (NIBID) to finance small and medium-scale industrial ventures in Greece.
30. In May 1979 another global loan, of 10 MEUA, was granted to the Hellenic Industrial Development Bank (ETBA). It was designed, with Greece's accession in 1981 in prospect, to encourage the modernization of small and medium-sized businesses by improving productivity and decentralizing activities and the diversification of industrial production.
31. Also, in May 1979 the EIB made four loans with 3% interest subsidies from Community budget resources for the following projects:
- (a) An irrigation project on the northern coast of western Crete
32. The EIB made a 25 MEUA loan to the Greek State to help finance works (total cost 66.5 MEUA) for the irrigation, initially, of 7,500 hectares. The resulting improvement of agricultural production is expected to help the employment situation and appreciably increase farmers' incomes in one of the most sensitive regions of Greece.

(b) The Sfikia and Assomata hydroelectric power stations

33. An 18 MEUA loan was made to the Greek Public Power Corporation, which is responsible for electricity generation and transmission in Greece, for the construction of two power stations at Sfikia and Assomata (combined capacity 423 MW) on the lower Aliakmon in southern Macedonia. The total investment cost is put at 210 MEUA. The power stations should come on-stream in the second half of 1982.

(c) Forestry projects in eastern Macedonia and in Thrace

34. The EIB made a 10 MEUA loan to the Greek State for the purpose of more intensive exploitation of forestry resources in eastern Macedonia and Thrace, between the Bulgarian border and the Aegean. The investment (total cost: 23.7 MEUA) is concerned in particular with improving and extending the network of forest roads so as to increase the annual timber yield by almost 230,000 m<sup>3</sup>; this will create 1,000 to 1,300 seasonal felling jobs and raise the earnings of forestry workers.

(d) Industrial zones in Salonika and Heraklion (Crete)

35. The EIB lent the Hellenic Industrial Development Bank (ETBA) 6 MEUA to help finance the construction of standardized industrial buildings together with all the general services and infrastructure needed for small and medium-sized businesses in the industrial areas of Salonika and Heraklion. The total project cost is 14.9 MEUA.

VI. THE ASSOCIATION'S TRADE PERFORMANCE IN 1978 <sup>(1)</sup>

A. Developments in Greece's external trade  
(tables I and II)

36. Greece's external trade was in expansion in 1978. Its total exports rose from \$2,700m in 1977 to \$3,300m in 1978, an increase of 22.5% (7.1% the previous year). Its imports for 1978 were just under \$7,600m compared with about \$6,800m in 1977, the percentage increase being 11.5% (12.7% in 1977).
37. The increase in exports and imports was appreciably greater in Greece's trade with Member States of the Community than for its trading partners in the rest of the world. Its exports to the Nine rose from \$1,300m in 1977 to nearly \$1,700m in 1978, an increase of 30.4% (other countries: + 15%). In 1977 Greece's exports to the EEC rose by only 2.3%. The Community's share of Greece's total exports - up, to just under 48% in 1977 - rose further to reach almost 51% in 1978.
38. Greece's imports from the Community in 1978 moved up to \$3,300m compared with just under \$2,900m in 1977, an increase of 15% (20.6% the previous year). The Nine's share of Greece's total imports came to nearly 44% for 1978 (42.5% in 1977). Exports as a percentage of imports rose from 45.2% in 1977 to 51.2% in 1978, a far more favourable figure than for Greece's trade with its other trading partners (36.5% in 1977, 38.6% in 1978).

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<sup>(1)</sup> The assessment in this section is based on the figures in the Annex to this report, which were supplied by Greece's Permanent Delegation to the EEC.

39. Greece's total trade deficit increased only slightly between 1977 and 1978 (+ 4.1%). Nevertheless, in absolute terms it is still quite significant: \$4,200m in 1978. In Greece's trade with the Community the trade deficit rose from \$1,578m to \$1,614m, an increase of only 2.3% between 1977 and 1978.

B. Structure of Greek exports  
(tables II/1 II/2)

40. Greece's exports of agricultural products performed satisfactorily in 1978. To the Nine they rose from \$438m in 1977 to \$539m in 1978 (+ 23%); to the rest of the world, from \$544m to \$664m (a 22% increase). In the case of trade in agricultural products with the Community the rise was chiefly due to the increase in Greece's exports of tobacco (from \$30.5m to \$73m) and olive oil (from \$1.4m to \$53.5m) and, to a lesser extent, of prepared and preserved fruit (\$59.4m in 1977; \$74.9m in 1978). On the other hand, Greece's exports of fruit and vegetables to the Community in general, except for fresh and dried grapes, remained unchanged or were even slightly down.

41. Greece's exports of industrial products expanded appreciably, from \$1,700m in 1977 to \$2,100m in 1978, increasing far more significantly in trade with the Nine (\$862m in 1977, \$1,156m in 1978) than for other countries (\$880m and \$976m respectively). The largest increase in industrial raw materials exports was for energy products, rising from \$132m in 1977 to \$317m in 1978. Among the manufactured products, the lead is customarily taken by exports of unbleached cotton yarn and other textile products,

particularly in Greece's trade with the Nine. Greece's exports of unbleached cotton yarn <sup>(1)</sup> rose from \$145m in 1977 to \$170m in 1978 (other countries: from \$19m to \$28m) and exports of other textile products were up from \$270m to \$320m (for other countries they were slightly down, from \$60.9m to \$59.6m). Finally, iron and steel exports rose from \$124m in 1977 to \$205m in 1978, exports to the Community moving up from \$38m to \$98m.

C. Structure of Greek imports  
(table III/1 a)

42. As the table shows, the structure of Greece's imports in 1978 was little different from the two previous years. The rise in Greece's imports for 1978 came chiefly from the two major items: raw materials and fuels (up from \$1,500m in 1977 to \$1,900m in 1978) and other manufactured products (up from \$2,300m to \$2,700m). Imports of capital goods (excluding ships and boats) from the Community increased (from \$681m in 1977 to \$750m in 1978) whereas those from the rest of the world dropped slightly (\$321m in 1977, \$293m in 1978). The pattern was similar for ships and boats, with Greece's imports from the Nine continuing upwards (\$275m in 1977, \$318m in 1978) while imports from the rest of the world turned down (from \$1,100m to \$946m). Finally, Greece's imports of agricultural products and foodstuffs - only 8% of Greece's total imports - rose from \$548m in 1977 to \$650m in 1978, imports from the Community touching \$214m in 1978 compared with \$163m in 1977.

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(<sup>1</sup>) See section II G on pages 13 and 14 above.



D. Geographical distribution of Greece's external trade  
(tables II/5 and III/2 a)

43. In 1978 Greece increased its exports, in some cases very significantly, to all Community countries except Denmark. Greece's imports from the Community rose, though less so than exports.

Germany continued to be both Greece's major customer (Greek exports in 1978: \$694m) and its major supplier (Greek imports in 1978: \$1,184m), with Italy ranking second (Greek exports: \$362m; Greek imports: \$740m) and France third (Greek exports: \$223m; Greek imports: \$468m). The USA took a relatively small share of Greece's foreign trade: 4% of exports and 4% of imports for 1978.

VII. NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ACCESSION OF GREECE TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

44. As a result of the speeding up of proceedings from February 1978 on, substantial progress was made during 1978, enabling the bulk of the negotiations on Greece's accession to the European Communities to be concluded, on schedule, at the 10th ministerial meeting, on 20 December 1978, on the major unresolved problems of substance: agricultural and social matters and questions concerning the duration of the transitional period.

The last significant problems were resolved at the 11th ministerial meeting, on 3 April 1979, and the Acts of Greece's accession to the European Communities were signed in Athens on 28 May 1979.

45. These instruments are currently undergoing ratification procedures in all the Contracting Parties and are expected to come into force on 1 January 1981.

46. As for the previous enlargement, a special procedure has been agreed between Greece and the Community whereby both parties inform and consult each other on the adoption of certain decisions during the period from the signing of the Acts of accession to the time when they come into force. The procedure involves inter alia notifying Greece of any proposal or communication from the Commission of the European Communities which might lead to a decision by the Council of the Communities. If Greece so requests, with good reason, consultations may take place in an Interim Committee of representatives of the Community and of the Hellenic Republic, though this would not normally apply to non-policy decisions.

VIII. OTHER QUESTIONS (INFORMATION)

47. During the period covered by this report a number of Members of the Commission of the European Communities, particularly Mr JENKINS, President, and Mr NATALI, Vice-President, with special responsibility for accession negotiations, visited Athens for discussions with Members of the Greek Government. Their talks centred on matters concerning the negotiations for Greece's accession to the Community.

48. The Commission of the European Communities continued to arrange fact-finding visits for representatives of various areas of Greek life.

It received such visits from a group of 25 judges, a group of 20 civil servants and a third group of 10 civil servants, 8 journalists and 28 prefects.

As in the past, the Commission took on a number of Greeks to spend short periods in its organization.

49. During the period under review the work of the Information Office of the Commission of the European Communities in Athens was more particularly concerned with the forthcoming signing of the Accession Treaty on 28 May 1979. The following in particular are worth mentioning:

- an information seminar for newspaper editors and editors from the Greek regional press, followed by a study trip to Brussels for journalists from the same papers;

- university-level seminars and debates with a view to founding an association of Greek teachers for the purpose of tuition and research on European topics (participants included Prof. Brugmans, Principal of the College of Europe; Prof. Duchêne of Sussex University; Mr Georis of the European Cultural Foundation and Prof. Buzzonetti of the European University Institute in Florence);
  
  - an essay-writing competition for Greek schoolchildren on the subject "Greece and the Community". The prizes awarded for the competition were presented to the winners in the presence of the Greek Minister of Culture and the event was covered by the press and television. A 10-page article on the competition subsequently appeared in the Information Office's Greek-language magazine;
  
  - fortnightly meetings of a European Club with about a hundred members, founded at the Information Office's instigation. The Club arranges debates between specialists on various aspects of European affairs;
  
  - two or three-day seminars at the Information Office for Greek civil servants on European elections by direct universal suffrage and on the European Monetary System.
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STATISTICAL ANNEX

TABLE I/1

## I. GREEK EXTERNAL TRADE (1973-1978)

## 1. CHANGES IN VALUE

(million \$)

Period	Exports				Imports				Imports covered by exports (%)		
	ECB	Rest of World	World	ECB share	ECB	Rest of World	World	ECB share	ECB	Rest of World	
1973	799.2	654.9	1,454.1	54.96%	1,740.5	1,732.5	3,473.0	50.12%	46%	38%	42%
1974	1,016.5	1,013.2	2,023.7	50.23%	1,909.8	2,496.2	4,406.0	43.34%	53%	41%	46%
Change	+ 27.2%	+ 54.1%	+ 39.6%	+ 9.7%	+ 9.7%	+ 44.1%	+ 26.9%				
1975	1,139.2	1,153.7	2,292.9	49.68%	2,251.0	3,056.4	5,317.4	42.52%	50%	38%	43%
Change	+ 12.1%	+ 13.9%	+ 13.0%	41.4%	41.4%	+ 22.4%	+ 20.7%				
1976 (*)	1,271.0	1,272.1	2,543.1	49.98%	2,386.6	3,626.6	6,013.2	39.69%	53.3%	35.1%	42.3%
Change	+ 11.6%	+ 10.3%	+ 10.9%	+ 5.6%	+ 5.6%	+ 18.7%	+ 13.1%				
1977 (**)	1,300.0	1,423.7	2,723.7	47.73%	2,878.0	3,899.7	6,777.7	42.46%	45.2%	36.5%	40.2%
Change	+ 2.3%	+ 11.9%	+ 7.1%	+ 20.6%	+ 20.6%	+ 7.5%	+ 12.7%				
1978 (***)	1,695.3	1,639.5	3,335.2	50.83%	3,308.9	4,247.1	7,556.0	43.79%	51.2%	38.6%	44.1%
Change	+ 30.4%	+ 15.2%	+ 22.5%	+ 15.0%	+ 15.0%	+ 8.9%	+ 11.5%				

Source: Greek National Statistical Office

(\*) 1976: 1 US Dollar = 36.889 Drachmas

(\*\*) 1977: 1 US Dollar = 37.203 Drachmas

(\*\*\*) 1978: 1 US Dollar = 37.097 Drachmas

TABLE I/2

I. GREEK EXTERNAL TRADE (1973 - 1978)

2. CHANGES IN TRADE DEFICIT

(million \$)

Period	EEC	Rest of world	World
1973	- 941.3	- 1,077.6	- 2,018.9
1974	- 893.3	- 1,483	- 2,376.3
Change	- 5.1 %	+ 37.6 %	+ 17.7 %
1975	- 1,121.8	- 1,902.7	- 3,024.5
Change	+ 25.6 %	+ 28.3 %	+ 27.3 %
1976	- 1,115.6	- 2,354.5	- 3,470.1
Change	- 0.6 %	+ 23.7 %	+ 14.7 %
1977	- 1,578.0	- 2,476.0	- 4,054.0
Change	+ 41.4 %	+ 5.2 %	+ 16.8 %
1978	- 1,613.6	- 2,607.2	- 4,220.8
Change	+ 2.3 %	+ 5.3 %	+ 4.1 %

TABLE II/1a

1. GREEK EXPORTS BY MAIN PRODUCT GROUPS

(a) in value

(million \$)

Product groups	1976		1977		1978	
	EEC	Rest of world	EEC	Rest of world	EEC	Rest of world
	World	World	World	World	World	World
I. UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO	39.1	138.1	177.2	151.4	73.0	211.4
II. FOODSTUFFS						
1. Fruit, vegetables and preparations thereof (1)	259.5	202.6	462.1	584.2	339.0	610.5
2. Olive oil	11.1	3.9	15.0	4.3	53.5	5.0
3. Wine	12.5	6.8	19.3	23.5	14.0	12.8
4. Others	45.4	84.4	133.8	123.2	38.0	138.7
TOTAL II. 1 - 4	332.5	297.7	630.2	735.2	444.5	872.5
III. INEDIBLE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	26.3	78.8	105.1	94.7	21.5	118.7
I-III. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	397.9	514.6	912.5	981.3	539.0	1,202.6
IV. INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS	169.0	130.0	299.0	280.3	282.3	196.0
V. MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS (2)	704.1	627.4	1,331.5	1,462.1	874.0	1,654.3
IV-V. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	873.1	757.4	1,630.5	1,742.4	1,156.3	2,132.6
I-V. TOTAL EXPORTS	1,271.0	1,272.0	2,543.0	2,723.7	1,695.3	3,335.2

(1) incl. olives

(2) incl. ECSC products



TABLE II/1b

## 1. GREEK EXPORTS BY MAIN PRODUCT GROUPS

(b) as a percentage of total exports

PRODUCT GROUPS	EEC			Rest of World			World		
	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978
I. UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO	3.1	2.3	4.3	10.9	8.5	8.5	7.0	5.5	6.3
II. FOODSTUFFS									
1. Fruit, vegetables and preparations thereof <sup>(1)</sup>	20.4	26.6	20.0	15.9	16.8	16.6	18.2	21.4	18.3
2. Olive oil	0.9	0.1	3.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.2	1.8
3. Wine	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8
4. Others	3.9	2.4	2.2	6.6	6.5	8.4	5.3	4.5	5.3
TOTAL II. 1 - 4	26.2	30.1	26.2	23.4	24.2	26.1	24.8	27.0	26.2
III. INEDIBLE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	2.0	1.3	1.3	6.2	5.5	5.9	4.1	3.5	3.6
I-III. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	31.3	33.7	31.8	40.5	38.2	40.5	35.9	36.0	36.1
IV. INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS	13.3	11.1	16.7	10.2	9.5	11.9	11.8	10.3	14.3
V. MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS <sup>(2)</sup>	55.4	55.2	51.5	49.3	52.3	47.6	52.3	53.7	49.6
IV-V. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	68.7	66.3	68.2	59.5	61.8	59.5	64.1	64.0	63.9
I-V. TOTAL EXPORTS	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

<sup>(1)</sup> incl. olives<sup>(2)</sup> incl. ECSC products

TABLE II/1c

1. GREEK EXPORTS BY MAIN PRODUCT GROUPS

(c) EEC share as a percentage

(World = 100%)

	1976	1977	1978
<u>I. UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO</u>	22	20	35
<u>II. FOODSTUFFS</u>			
1. Fruit, vegetables and preparations thereof <sup>(1)</sup>	56	59	56
2. Olive oil	74	33	91
3. Wine	65	55	52
4. Others	37	25	22
TOTAL II. 1 - 4	53	53	51
<u>III. INEDIBLE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS</u>	25	18	18
<u>I-III. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS</u>	44	45	45
<u>IV. INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS</u>	57	52	59
<u>V. MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS <sup>(2)</sup></u>	53	49	53
<u>IV-V. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS</u>	54	49	54
<u>I-V. TOTAL EXPORTS</u>	50	48	51

<sup>(1)</sup> incl. olives

<sup>(2)</sup> incl. ECSC products

TABLE II/2

2. GENERAL EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

CST	PRODUCT GROUP	1976 (*)			1977 (**)			1978 (***)		
		EC	Rest of world	World	EC	Rest of world	World	EC	Rest of world	World
121	1. Tobacco, unmanufactured	39.1	138.1	177.2	30.5	120.9	151.4	73.0	138.4	211.4
051.11	2. Fruit and vegetables	259.5	202.6	462.1	345.5	238.7	584.2	339.0	271.5	610.5
051.12		(a) citrus fruit	7.5	53.4	60.9	15.6	61.5	77.1	13.4	66.1
051.2	(b) fresh and dried grapes (raisins)	61.8	42.5	104.3	85.9	59.4	145.3	94.7	63.8	158.5
051.5	(c) stone fruit, fresh	38.4	10.2	48.6	78.3	8.7	87.0	56.9	9.4	66.3
052.03	(d) other fruit (fresh and dried)	6.4	9.7	16.1	13.1	10.0	23.1	12.0	9.9	21.9
ex 051	(e) vegetables, fresh and dried	48.2	4.5	52.7	47.6	4.0	51.6	48.2	4.9	53.1
054	(f) prepared and preserved vegetables (incl. olives)	39.8	54.5	94.3	45.6	60.1	106.2	38.9	79.0	117.9
055	(g) fruit, preserved and fruit preparations	57.4	27.8	85.2	59.4	34.5	93.9	74.9	38.4	113.3
421.5	3. Olive oil	11.1	3.9	15.0	1.4	2.9	4.3	53.5	5.0	58.5
112.1	4. Wine	12.5	6.8	19.3	13.0	10.5	23.5	14.0	12.8	26.8
041	5. Wheat	10.2	20.5	30.7	-	4.5	4.5	-	20.0	20.0
	6. Miscellaneous	39.2	63.9	103.1	30.7	88.0	118.7	38.0	118.7	156.7
0-1+4	1. - 6. FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO	371.6	435.8	807.4	421.1	465.5	886.6	517.5	566.4	1,083.9

(\*) 1976: 1 US Dollar = 36,889 drachmas  
 (\*\*) 1977: 1 US Dollar = 37,203 drachmas  
 (\*\*\*) 1978: 1 US Dollar = 37,097 drachmas

Source: Greek Statistical Office

TABLE IX/3

## 3. GREEK EXPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS OF AGRICULTURAL ORIGIN

CST	PRODUCT GROUP	(million \$)								
		1976 (*)		1977 (**)		1978 (***)				
		EEC	Rest of World	EEC	Rest of World	EEC	Rest of World			
263	1. Cotton	8.1	36.4	44.5	34.8	34.8	3.4	39.0	42.4	
211	2. Hides and skins	12.1	31.1	43.2	41.2	36.5	4.7	47.8	55.1	
291.97	3. Natural sponges	1.2	1.7	2.9	3.0	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.8	
ex 2	4. Miscellaneous	4.9	9.6	14.5	15.7	8.6	7.1	9.1	8.6	
CST 2 (excl. 27 and 28)	1. - 4. INEDIBLE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	26.3	78.8	105.1	94.7	78.1	16.6	78.1	97.2	118.7
	FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO	371.6	435.8	807.4	886.6	465.5	421.1	465.5	517.5	1,083.9
	TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	397.9	514.6	912.5	981.3	543.6	437.7	543.6	539.0	1,202.6

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Source: Greek National Statistical Office

TABLE 11/4

## GREEK EXPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

(million \$)

CST	1976 (*)			1977 (**)			1978 (***)		
	EEC	Rest of world	World	EEC	Rest of world	World	EEC	Rest of world	World
276.24	43.1	14.9	58.0	33.4	19.1	52.5	41.3	15.6	56.9
283.30	6.1	14.4	20.5	6.4	18.0	24.4	5.7	22.4	28.1
ex 2 (2)	50.3	21.6	71.9	57.7	20.0	77.7	55.5	21.0	76.5
3	89.5	79.1	148.6	53.5	78.2	131.7	179.8	137.0	316.8
ex 2 and 3	169.0	130.0	299.0	145.0	135.3	286.3	292.3	196.0	478.3
589.64	2.5	1.3	3.8	1.5	1.1	2.6	1.9	1.0	2.9
ex 5	38.7	60.5	99.2	44.9	83.8	128.7	48.5	91.3	139.8
613-851	59.1	48.9	108.0	70.2	48.7	118.9	86.0	46.1	114.1
651.30	114.4	12.5	126.9	144.6	19.0	163.6	170.0	27.7	197.7
ex 65-84	256.6	52.4	312.0	289.5	60.9	330.4	320.2	59.6	379.8
684	76.7	26.2	102.9	78.9	42.6	121.5	92.2	50.2	142.4
7	26.7	99.0	125.7	20.0	123.1	143.1	22.4	79.2	101.6
ex 6, 8	47.9	240.2	288.1	49.9	279.7	329.6	53.0	318.2	371.2
ex 6, 8	625.6	544.0	1,169.6	679.5	658.9	1,338.4	776.2	673.3	1,449.5
67	78.5	86.4	164.9	37.8	85.9	123.7	97.8	107.0	204.8
ex 2, 3, 5-8	673.1	757.4	1,630.5	662.3	880.1	1,748.4	1,156.3	976.3	2,132.6

(1) excl. magnesium oxide

(2) CST 27 and 28 (excl. 276.24 and 283.30)

(3) Almost exclusively oil-based

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(\*\*) 1977: 1 US Dollar = 37,203 drachmas

(\*\*\*) 1978: 1 US Dollar = 37,097 drachmas

Source: Greek National Statistical Office

TABLE II/5a

5. GREEK EXPORTS  
BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRIES AND GROUPS OF COUNTRIES  
(a) in value

To	1976		1977		1978	
	Million U.S. \$	%	Million U.S. \$	%	Million U.S. \$	%
Germany	542.86	43	581.43	45	694.04	41
France	170.57	14	188.35	15	223.10	13
Italy	233.65	18	191.60	15	362.37	21
Belgium and Luxembourg	66.21	5	49.96	4	66.85	4
Netherlands	134.59	11	127.48	10	180.54	11
United Kingdom	105.26	8	136.39	10	144.99	9
Ireland	2.53	-	2.84	-	3.54	-
Denmark	15.35	1	21.96	1	19.91	1
EEC	1,271.02	100	1,300.01	100	1,695.34	100
EEC	1,271.02	50	1,300.01	48	1,695.34	51
USA	145.33	6	126.47	5	146.13	4
Rest of world	1,126.72	44	1,297.24	47	1,493.77	45
T O T A L	2,543.07	100	2,723.72	100	3,335.24	100

TABLE II/5b

5. GREEK EXPORTS  
BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRIES AND GROUPS OF COUNTRIES

(b) as index

(1961 = 100)

To	1976		1977		1978	
		%		%		%
Germany	1,291		1,382		1,650	
France	1,512		1,670		1,978	
Italy	3,082		2,527		4,781	
Belgium and Luxembourg	3,485		2,629		3,518	
Netherlands	2,598		2,461		3,485	
United Kingdom	605		783		833	
Ireland	351		394		492	
Denmark	3,337		4,773		4,328	
EEC	1,467		1,501		1,958	
USA	449		390		451	
Rest of world	1,090		1,255		1,445	
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>1,144</b>		<b>1,225</b>		<b>1,500</b>	

TABLE III/1a

III. GREEK IMPORTS  
Breakdown by main product groups  
(a) in value

PRODUCT GROUPS	ERC		Rest of World			World		
	1976	1977	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	
I. Raw materials and fuels (1)	176.8	186.2	209.1	1,466.2	1,328.5	1,681.7	1,643.0	1,514.7
Share of total %	7	6	6	40	34	40	27	22
II. Capital goods (excluding ships and boats) (2)	579.6	680.7	750.0	332.5	320.6	293.2	912.1	1,001.3
Share of total %	24	24	23	9	8	7	15	15
III. Ships and boats (3)	255.6	275.3	318.1	887.7	1,124.1	946.2	1,143.3	1,399.4
Share of total %	11	10	10	25	29	22	19	21
IV. Other manufactured products (4)	1,218.7	1,573.0	1,817.5	616.1	741.1	899.3	1,834.8	2,314.1
Share of total %	51	55	55	17	19	21	31	34
V. Agricultural products and foodstuffs (5)	156.0	162.8	213.6	324.0	385.4	436.7	480.0	548.2
Share of total %	7	5	6	9	10	10	8	8
TOTAL IMPORTS	2,386.7	2,878.0	3,308.9	3,626.5	8,899.7	1,247.1	6,013.2	6,777.7

(1) CST 2 and 3

(2) Machinery and transport equipment; CST 7, excluding - domestic electrical equipment (CST 725)  
- cars (CST 732)  
- ships and boats (CST 735)

(3) CST 735

(4) CST 5, 6, 725, 732, 8 and 9

(5) CST 0, 1 and 4

Source: Greek National Statistical Office



TABLE III/1b

III. GREEK IMPORTS

1. Breakdown by main product groups  
(b) as index

(1961 = 100)

PRODUCT GROUPS	EEC				Rest of world			World	
	1976 (1)	1977 (1)	1978	1976 (1)	1977 (1)	1978	1976	1977	1978
I. Raw materials and fuels	707	745	838	1,609	1,678	1,846	1,414	1,305	1,629
II. Capital goods (excl. ships and boats)	662	777	856	1,196	1,153	1,055	797	866	904
III. Ships and boats	503	542	657	1,034	1,310	1,103	834	1,021	926
IV. Other manufactured products	692	894	1,033	831	1,000	1,200	734	925	1,082
V. Agricultural products and foodstuffs	1,130	1,180	1,548	405	437	532	501	572	678
<u>TOTAL IMPORTS</u>	676	814	937	1,005	1,080	1,177	842	949	1,058

(1) Revised data

## III. GREEK IMPORTS

## 2. BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRIES AND GROUPS

(a) in value

From	1976		1977		1978	
	Million US \$	%	Million US \$	%	Million US \$	%
Germany	872.37	37	1,024.39	36	1,184.29	36
France	334.28	14	410.85	15	467.66	14
Italy	497.36	21	609.30	21	740.17	22
Belgium and Luxembourg	158.70	7	183.22	6	193.14	6
Netherlands	209.51	9	228.13	8	253.83	8
United Kingdom	269.04	11	373.97	13	374.79	11
Ireland	7.30	-	10.85	-	29.18	1
Denmark	38.09	1	37.33	1	65.83	2
EEC	2,386.65	100	2,878.04	100	3,308.89	100
EEC	2,386.65	40	2,878.04	42	3,308.89	44
USA	408.94	7	346.24	5	307.92	4
Rest of world	3,217.60	53	3,553.42	53	3,939.15	52
TOTAL	6,013.19	100	6,777.70	100	7,555.96	100

Source: Greek National Statistical Office

III. GREEK IMPORTS

2. BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRIES AND GROUPS OF COUNTRIES

(b) as index (1961 = 100)

from	1976	1977	1978
Germany	678	796	921
France	762	936	1,066
Italy	1,075	1,317	1,600
Belgium and Luxembourg	696	804	847
Netherlands	685	746	829
United Kingdom	355	494	495
Ireland	1,780	2,646	7,117
Denmark	780	765	1,349
EEC	676	814	937
USA	505	427	380
Rest of world	1,149	1,269	1,408
TOTAL	842	949	1,058

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