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Statement by Common Market Commission Following Successful
Negotiations for Britain's Entry

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 24 -- The following is a statement issued today by the Commission of the European Communities in Brussels after agreement on the major conditions for British entry into the Common Market.

"The Commission of the European Communities considers that the negotiations with Great Britain on its application for membership of the European Economic Community have now been completed at political level. It is convinced that the outstanding problems will be settled rapidly and that the negotiations with the other three candidate countries are bound to enjoy the same success.

"The enlargement of the Community, for which the Commission has mobilized all its energy and determination, represents an event of world importance, for the conditions in which this initial phase has been concluded prove that this is a veritable reinforcement of the Community, which will certainly be reflected, to begin with, in a new start for economic and monetary union.

"The enlarged and reinforced Community is called upon to shoulder special responsibility in the field of relations between the industrialized countries and the developing countries and to make a decisive contribution to the process of detente in Europe and the world. In order to achieve this aim, the Commission is resolved for its part to pursue and carry forward its action in conformity with the treaties and the spirit of The Hague summit conference."

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