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DECLARATION BY PRESIDENT Malfatti ON THE SIGNATURE OF
THE ADHESION TREATIES.

The entry of the United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark and Norway into the European Community marks the completion of a process launched more than ten years ago to give full meaning and dimension to European unity.

These ten democratic countries, among the most developed in the world, that will make up the enlarged Community, have as their common task not simply the improvement of the quality of life of their populations, they have also a real possibility to contribute to freedom, security, progress and peace on a world scale.

To reach this goal, we must maintain those achievements which by so much effort we have already accomplished in the Six, and must go forward and complete the economic integration and political unification of our newly enlarged Community.

For the last quarter of a century, Europe has chosen unity and solidarity in the equality of rights and duty, thereby rejecting domination and helplessness. She has chosen to work as a Community, and now, more than ever before, we must strengthen the Community framework and its democratic foundations.

We must show ourselves worthy of the clear responsibilities which face us and of the immense feeling of hope that the signature of the acts of membership arouses in all the countries of the Community.