



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



## **Council Conclusions on the mechanism on cooperation and verification for Bulgaria and Romania**

*2858th GENERAL AFFAIRS Council meeting  
Brussels, 10 March 2008*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"Reaffirming its conclusions of 17 October 2006 and 23 July 2007, the Council welcomes the Interim reports from the Commission on Progress in Romania and Bulgaria under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism. The Council shares the analysis of the Commission contained in the reports.

The Council welcomes the commitment expressed by Bulgaria and Romania and acknowledges the efforts made by these two Member States towards fulfilling the objectives of the mechanism and the good level of co-operation with the Commission and the other Member States.

The Council encourages Bulgaria and Romania to step up their efforts, in particular with regard to areas highlighted in the conclusions of the Interim reports.

In the light of the above, the Council looks forward to the Commission reports to be tabled in the summer 2008, inter alia taking into consideration the experience gained from the functioning of the mechanism."

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