



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



**Council Conclusions on an Addendum
to the Memorandum of Understanding between
the President of the Council of the European Union
and the Swiss Federal Council of 27 February 2006
(Swiss Financial Contribution for the benefit
of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania)**

*2866th ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS Council meeting
Brussels, 14 May 2008*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"The Council of the European Union and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council:

1. recall their conclusions of 27 February 2006 relating to the Memorandum of Understanding annexed thereto which envisaged a Swiss financial contribution for the benefit of the Member States which acceded to the European Union in 2004, and note the signature of the individual Framework Agreements between the Swiss Federal Council and the Governments of the EU Member States concerned on 20 December 2007;
2. recall their conclusions of December 2006 in which they charged the President, assisted by the Commission, to engage in the necessary discussions with the Swiss Federal Council in order to have the Memorandum of Understanding adapted to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU;

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3. take note with satisfaction that these discussions have been successfully concluded; and that the Swiss Federal Council intends to propose to the Swiss Parliament the adoption of an addition fund of 257 million Swiss francs for a contribution to Bulgaria and Romania, according to the guidelines set out in the attached Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding of 27 February 2006;
 4. invite Bulgaria and Romania, in the context of the Memorandum of Understanding, as adapted by the Addendum set out in the attached annex, to conclude bilateral arrangements with the Swiss Confederation on the modalities of the financial contribution in question;
 5. charge the President of the Council to sign the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding with the authorities of the Swiss Federal Council as set out in the attached annex;
 6. confirm that the Commission is mandated, within the context of the above bilateral arrangements and the Memorandum of Understanding, as adapted by the Addendum in the attached annex, to manage information, co-ordination and follow-up tasks and note the agreement of the Commission in this regard, which the Commission has wished to confirm by signing the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding.
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