

## II. DECLARATIONS

### A. JOINT DECLARATIONS BY THE PRESENT MEMBER STATES

#### 1. **Joint declaration on the free movement of workers: Bulgaria**

The European Union stresses the strong elements of differentiation and flexibility in the arrangement for the free movement of workers. Member States shall endeavour to grant increased labour market access to Bulgarian nationals under national law, with a view to speeding up the approximation to the acquis. As a consequence, the employment opportunities in the European Union for Bulgarian nationals should improve substantially upon Bulgaria's accession. Moreover, the EU Member States will make best use of the proposed arrangement to move as quickly as possible to the full application of the acquis in the area of free movement of workers.

#### 2. **Joint declaration on grain legumes: Bulgaria**

With regard to grain legumes an area of 18 047 ha has been taken into account for the calculation of Bulgaria's national ceiling in Annex VIII A to Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 of 29 September 2003 (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1).

#### 3. **Joint declaration on the free movement of workers: Romania**

The European Union stresses the strong elements of differentiation and flexibility in the arrangement for the free movement of workers. Member States shall endeavour to grant increased labour market access to Romanian nationals under national law, with a view to speeding up the approximation to the acquis. As a consequence, the employment opportunities in the European Union for Romanian nationals should improve substantially upon Romania's accession. Moreover, the EU Member States will make best use of the proposed arrangement to move as quickly as possible to the full application of the acquis in the area of free movement of workers.

#### 4. **Joint declaration on rural development: Bulgaria and Romania**

With regard to the commitment appropriations for rural development originating from the EAGGF Guarantee Section for Bulgaria and Romania over the three-year period 2007-2009 mentioned in Article 34(2) of the Accession Protocol and Article 34(2) of the Act of Accession, the Union notes that the following allocations can be expected:

*(EUR million, 2004 prices)*

	2007	2008	2009	2007-2009
Bulgaria	183	244	306	733
Romania	577	770	961	2 308
Total	760	1 014	1 267	3 041

Bulgaria's and Romania's rural development allocations beyond the three year period 2007-2009 will be based on application of existing rules or those rules deriving from any policy reforms taking place in the meantime.

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B. JOINT DECLARATION BY THE PRESENT MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION

5. **Joint declaration on Bulgaria's and Romania's preparations for accession**

The European Union will continue to monitor closely Bulgaria's and Romania's preparations and achievements, including the effective implementation of the commitments undertaken in all areas of the acquis.

The European Union recalls the Presidency Conclusions of the European Council of 16/17 December 2004, in particular under points 8 and 12, underlining that, in the case of Romania, particular attention will be paid to preparation in the areas of Justice and Home Affairs, Competition and Environment, and that in the case of Bulgaria, particular attention will be paid to preparation in the area of Justice and Home Affairs. The Commission will continue to submit annual reports on Bulgaria's and Romania's progress towards accession, together with recommendations if appropriate. The European Union recalls that safeguard clauses provide for measures to address serious problems that may arise, as the case may be, before accession or in the three years after accession.

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C. JOINT DECLARATION BY VARIOUS PRESENT MEMBER STATES

6. **Joint declaration by the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Austria on the free movement of workers: Bulgaria and Romania**

The wording of point 13 of the transitional measures on the free movement of workers under Directive 96/71/EC in Annexes VI and VII to both the Accession Protocol and the Act of Accession is understood by the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Austria in agreement with the Commission as meaning that 'certain regions' may, where appropriate, also comprise the entire national territory.

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D. DECLARATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

7. **Declaration by the Republic of Bulgaria on the use of the cyrillic alphabet in the European Union**

With the recognition of Bulgarian as an authentic language of the Treaties as well as an official and working language to be used by the institutions of the European Union, the Cyrillic alphabet will become one of the three alphabets officially used in the European Union. This substantial part of the cultural heritage of Europe represents a particular Bulgarian contribution to the linguistic and cultural diversity of the Union.

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