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Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

Having regard to Article 217 of the Treaty which provides that the rules
governing the languages of the institutions of the Community shall,
without prejudice to the provisions contained in the rules of
procedure of the Court of Justice, be determined by the Council,
acting unanimously;

Whereas each of the four languages in which the Treaty is drafted is
recognised as an official language in one or more of the Member States
of the Community;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The official languages and the working languages of the institutions of
the Union shall be Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English,
Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian,
Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak,
Slovenian, Spanish and Swedish.

Article 2

Documents which a Member State or a person subject to the jurisdiction
of a Member State sends to institutions of the Community may be
drafted in any one of the official languages selected by the sender. The reply shall be drafted in the same language.

Article 3

Documents which an institution of the Community sends to a Member
State or to a person subject to the jurisdiction of a Member State shall
be drafted in the language of such State.

Article 4

Regulations and other documents of general application shall be drafted
in the official languages.

Article 5

The Official Journal of the European Union shall be published in the
official languages.

Article 6

The institutions of the Community may stipulate in their rules of
procedure which of the languages are to be used in specific cases.
Article 7

The languages to be used in the proceedings of the Court of Justice shall be laid down in its rules of procedure.

Article 8

If a Member State has more than one official language, the language to be used shall, at the request of such State, be governed by the general rules of its law.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.