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**A major step towards the reintegration of Europe
- The European Parliament gives its assent to Romania and Bulgaria signing the Accession Treaty -**

In December 1997 The European Council launches the enlargement process of the European Union towards 12 Eastern European states, thus marking the end of an era of political division in Europe.

Eight years later, on 13 April 2005, an impressive majority of Members of the European Parliament give their assent to the signing by Romania and Bulgaria of the Accession Treaty to the European Union in 2007.

The Club „Romania-UE” salutes the European Parliament’s vote, as Romania’s imminent accession offers a guarantee of future stability and prosperity for the country. At the same time, Romania demonstrates its affiliation with the European values of democracy and peace, and adheres to the evolutionary ideals of the European Union.

The Club « Romania-UE » is aware of the fact that Romania still has a significant amount of work to do until all of the accession conditions are met. The Club is determined to continue its support activities for Romania’s accession and for the promotion of a positive image of Romania in the capital of Europe and beyond.

On 25 April 2005 Romania signs the Treaty of Accession to the European Union, marking the start of the final segment of its road towards adhering to the European Union.

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