

**Act on Cooperation between the Federal Government and the
German Bundestag in Matters concerning the European Union
of 12 March 1993**

The Bundestag has adopted the following law:

Section 1

In matters concerning the European Union the Bundestag shall participate in the decision-making process of the Federation.

Section 2

The Bundestag shall appoint a Committee on the Affairs of the European Union. The Bundestag may empower the Committee to state an opinion on its behalf.

Section 3

The Federal Government shall inform the Bundestag comprehensively and as quickly as possible of all initiatives within the framework of the European Union which could be of interest to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Section 4

The Federal Government shall, in particular, send the Bundestag draft directives and draft regulations of the European Union and, at the same time, inform the Bundestag of their main content and objectives of the procedure to be applied within the European Union in enacting the planned Legislation and of the probable time at which the Council will deliberate on the items in question, in particular of the probable time at which the Council will take a decision on them. It shall inform the Bundestag without delay of the decisions that it intends to take, the course of the deliberations, the opinions of the European Parliament and of the European Commission, the opinions of the other Member States and of the decisions taken.

Section 5

Before taking a decision on European Union Legislation, the Federal Government shall give the Bundestag an opportunity to state its opinion. The period within which the opinion is to be stated shall be such that the Bundestag has sufficient opportunity to consider the item concerned. The Federal Government shall use the opinion as a basis for its negotiations.

Section 6

In respect of the area covered by Article 235 of the EEC Treaty the provisions of this Law shall already apply *mutatis mutandis* prior to establishment of the European Union.

Section 7

This law shall enter into force on the date on which the European Union is established. This date shall be published in the Federal Law Gazette¹. In derogation of the first sentence, Section 6 shall enter into force on 1 January 1993.

¹ The Treaty on European Union entered into force on 1 November 1993.

The above law is hereby signed and shall be promulgated in the Federal Law Gazette.

Bonn, 12 March 1993

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Weizsäcker

The Federal Chancellor
Dr. Helmut Kohl

The Federal Minister of the Interior
Seiters

The Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs
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The Federal Minister of Justice
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The Federal Minister of Economics
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