



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council conclusions on Enlargement

*2957th GENERAL AFFAIRS Council meeting
Brussels, 27 July 2009*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"The Council recalls the renewed consensus on enlargement as expressed in the conclusions of the European Council of 14/15 December 2006, including the principle that each applicant country is assessed on its own merits.

In a letter dated on 16 July 2009, Prime Minister Ms. Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Össur Skarphéðinsson presented the application of Iceland for membership of the European Union.

The Council decides to implement the procedure laid down in Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union. Accordingly, the Commission is invited to submit to the Council its opinion on this application.

The Council seizes this opportunity to reiterate its full support for the European perspective of the Western Balkans, and stresses that it will return to Albania's application for membership once the Albanian election procedure has been completed."

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