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BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

DETERMINING THE DESIGN FOR THE FIFTY NEW PENCE COINS COMMEMORATING THE ACCESSION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

ELIZABETH R.

Whereas under Section 3 (b) of the Coinage Act 1971 We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by Proclamation to determine the design of coins to be made at Our Mint:

And Whereas it appears to Us desirable to determine a new design, hereinafter specified, for the fifty new pence coin (being the coin specified in Our Proclamation of the twentieth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight) to be struck at Our Mint to commemorate the accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the European Communities on the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-three:

We, therefore, in pursuance of the said section 3 (b) and of all other powers enabling Us in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, proclaim, direct and ordain as follows:—

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in Our said Proclamation of the twentieth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight, the design for the fifty new pence coin to be struck at Our Mint in commemoration of the accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the European Communities shall be as follows:—

For the obverse impression Our Effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH II D.G. REG. F.D.", and for the reverse the inscription "50 PENCE" and the date of the year, surrounded by nine hands, symbolising the nine members of the Community, clasping one another in a mutual gesture of trust, assistance and friendship. The coin shall have a plain edge.

2. This Proclamation shall come into force on the twenty-ninth day of December One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and in the twenty-first year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN