EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order declares the Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, signed on 1 February 1993 to be a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972. The Agreement establishes the Association with the objectives of providing an appropriate framework for political dialogue, for promoting trade and economic relations, providing a basis for economic, social, financial and cultural co-operation, supporting Romania's conversion to a market economy and consolidating its democracy, providing a framework for Romania's gradual integration into the Community and setting up institutions for an effective association. The principal effect of declaring this Agreement to be a Community Treaty as so defined is to bring into play, in relation to it, the provisions of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 which provides for the implementation of treaties so specified.