

EUROPEAN
MANIFESTO

Prime Minister

Conservative European Manifesto

It is hoped that this will be printed on Monday.

I attach the final version, together with the foreword which you have already approved.

I also attach a note from Sir Geoffrey Howe with his comments on the final version.

Are you happy that this should now go to the printers, please?

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11.5.84

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Foreword

DRAFT FOREWARD FOR EURO-MANIFESTO 1984 BY THE PRIME MINISTER,
THE RT HON MARGARET THATCHER FRS MP

Britain joined the European Community with a vision.

We saw opportunities for trade and greater prosperity. But we also saw in the Community the promise of peace and security, an alliance in which endeavour, enterprise and invention could flourish.

For the first time in history, the very idea of an armed conflict between the countries of Western Europe has become unthinkable. As we celebrate the anniversary of D-Day, we shall also be celebrating almost 40 years of peace among the nations of Europe.

Membership of the Community has had its problems. But we have tackled them with courage and vigour.

When the European Parliament was directly elected five years ago, we Conservatives promised that our Government would defend Britain's vital national interests. We have kept our promise. Today, Britain's voice in Europe is strong and clear, and its message is respected by our partners.

We have been right to fight for improvements to the common agricultural policy and for a fairer system of finance.

We want these things so that we can put behind us the endless haggling over money and begin to develop the full potential of the Community.

These coming European elections are part of our commitment to peace with freedom and justice.

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It is vital that Britain's voice remains strong in Europe. We do not want to see our accomplishments and our future damaged by those who seek only to destroy what has already been achieved.

That is why I ask for your support on June 14th.

From: The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC MP

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Sir Margaret

/ I attach a copy of the latest version of the European
/ Manifesto for your final approval before it goes to the
printers, together with a copy of your foreward, which I
understand you have already approved.

This version takes account of (often conflicting)
comments on previous versions from Cabinet colleagues, from
Sir Henry Plumb and his spokesmen and, of course, from you.
It seems to me now to offer a good basis for our policy in
the election campaign.

I am sending copies of this letter and attachments to
Sir Henry Plumb and the Party Chairman. I understand that
Research Department needs to be able to send the final draft
to the printers at the beginning of next week.

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Geoffrey

GEOFFREY HOWE

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP