





Basic information	
<p><b>2015/0292(NLE)</b> NLE - Non-legislative enactments</p> <p>EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol</p> <p>See also <a href="#">2002/0083(AVC)</a></p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.15 European neighbourhood policy</p> <p><b>Geographical area</b></p> <p>Lebanon</p>	Procedure completed

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">AFET</div> Foreign Affairs		MNESCU Ramona Nicole (PPE)	24/05/2016
			Shadow rapporteur PARGNEAUX Gilles (S&D) BELDER Bas (ECR) DE SARNEZ Marielle (ALDE) SMITH Alyn (Verts/ALE) CASTALDO Fabio Massimo (EFDD)	
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">INTA</div> International Trade		The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>		<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)		3528	2017-03-27

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/12/2015	Preparatory document	COM(2015)0641 	Summary
22/02/2016	Legislative proposal published	05748/2016	Summary

12/05/2016	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/01/2017	Vote in committee		
07/02/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A8-0027/2017</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
02/03/2017	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T8-0057/2017</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
02/03/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
27/03/2017	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
27/03/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/03/2017	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2015/0292(NLE)
<b>Procedure type</b>	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
<b>Nature of procedure</b>	Consent by Parliament
	See also <a href="#">2002/0083(AVC)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 217
<b>Other legal basis</b>	Rules of Procedure EP 165
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	AFET/8/05334

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE589.287</a>	06/10/2016	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A8-0027/2017</a>	07/02/2017	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T8-0057/2017</a>	02/03/2017	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">05748/2016</a>	22/02/2016	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">05750/2016</a>	22/02/2016		
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Preparatory document	<a href="#">COM(2015)0641</a> 	14/12/2015	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">COM(2015)0640</a> 	14/12/2015		

## EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2015/0292(NLE) - 27/03/2017 - Final act

**PURPOSE:** to conclude a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement which establishes an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the the EU.

**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision (EU) 2017/609 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of Croatia's accession to the European Union.

**BACKGROUND:** The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, was signed in Luxembourg on 17 June 2002 and entered into force on 1 April 2006.

In the meantime, Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013.

In accordance with Article 6, para. 2 of the Act of Accession of Croatia, the accession of Croatia to the Agreement must be approved by the conclusion of a Protocol to the Agreement between the Council, acting on behalf of the Union and acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and Lebanon.

On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with that Lebanon. The negotiations have been completed and in accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2016/859, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement which establishes an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Lebanon, on the other hand, to take account of Croatia's accession to the EU, was signed on 28 April 2016 on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

The protocol should now be approved.

**CONTENT:** With this Decision, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Lebanese Republic, of the other part, taking into account the accession of Croatia to the Union, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** the Decision shall enter into force on 27.3.2017. The date of entry into force of the Protocol will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

## EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2015/0292(NLE) - 07/02/2017 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Ramona Nicole MNESCU (EPP, RO) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament **give its consent** to the conclusion of the Protocol.

## EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2015/0292(NLE) - 02/03/2017 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 542 votes to 87, with 19 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

In line with the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

## EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2015/0292(NLE) - 14/12/2015 - Preparatory document

**PURPOSE:** to conclude on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

**BACKGROUND:** the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, was signed in Brussels on 1 April 2002 and entered into force on 1 April 2006.

Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013.

The Act of Accession of Croatia provides that Croatia shall accede to the international agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States by means of a protocol to those agreements.

On 14 September 2012<sup>1</sup>, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned with a view to concluding the relevant protocols.

The negotiations with Lebanon being successfully concluded, the Commission calls on the Council to adopt the decisions on the conclusion of the Protocol.

**CONTENT:** the draft Council decision constitutes the legal instrument for conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the draft decision.

## **EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol**

2015/0292(NLE) - 14/12/2015 - Preparatory document

**PURPOSE:** to conclude on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

**BACKGROUND:** the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, was signed in Brussels on 1 April 2002 and entered into force on 1 April 2006.

Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013.

The Act of Accession of Croatia provides that Croatia shall accede to the international agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States by means of a protocol to those agreements.

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**CONTENT:** the draft Council decision constitutes the legal instrument for conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the draft decision.

## **EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol**

2015/0292(NLE) - 22/02/2016 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** to conclude a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

**BACKGROUND:** the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part was signed in Luxembourg on 17 June 2002 and entered into force on 1 April 2006.

Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013.

Under the terms of Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of Croatia, the accession of Croatia to the Agreement is to be agreed by means of a protocol to the Agreement concluded between the Council, acting on behalf of the Union and unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and Lebanon.

On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Lebanon. The negotiations were successfully concluded and in accordance with a Council Decision, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

The Protocol should be approved on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

**CONTENT:** with this proposal, the Council is called upon to approve, on behalf of the EU, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the draft decision.