



# Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	<a href="#">2005/0901(AVC)</a>	Procedure completed
Republic of Bulgaria: application for accession to the European Union		
Subject 8.20.01 Candidate countries		
Geographical area Bulgaria		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs	PPE-DE <a href="#">VAN ORDEN</a> <a href="#">Geoffrey</a>	18/01/2005
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2655</a>	25/04/2005

Key events			
30/03/2005	Vote in committee		Summary
04/04/2005	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">AA1/2/2005</a>	Summary
04/04/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0082/2005</a>	
12/04/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
12/04/2005	Debate in Parliament		
13/04/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/04/2005	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0118/2005</a>	Summary
25/04/2005	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/04/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/06/2005	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2005/0901(AVC)

Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/6/26381

### Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">COM(2005)0055</a> <a href="#">OJ L 157 21.06.2005, p. 0003-0004</a>	22/02/2005	EC	Summary
Supplementary legislative basic document	<a href="#">05859/2005</a>	25/02/2005	CSL	Summary
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">AA1/2/2005</a>	04/04/2005	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0082/2005</a>	04/04/2005	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T6-0118/2005</a> OJ C 033 09.02.2006, p. 0323-0409 E	13/04/2005	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	<a href="#">SP(2005)2124</a>	19/05/2005	EC	

### Final act

[Decision 2005/621](#)  
[OJ L 157 21.06.2005, p. 0009-0009](#) Summary

## Republic of Bulgaria: application for accession to the European Union

The committee adopted the report by Geoffrey VAN ORDEN ( EPP-ED , UK ) recommending that Parliament give its assent to Bulgaria 's application to join the European Union. The report stressed that Parliament should be fully involved in the follow-up to Bulgaria 's accession process and in decision-making should the safeguard clauses contained in the accession treaty be activated.

## Republic of Bulgaria: application for accession to the European Union

This documents consists of the draft Treaty of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union as was approved by the delegations following the accession negotiations.

## Republic of Bulgaria: application for accession to the European Union

The European Parliament adopted a resolution by 522 votes in favour, 70 against and 69 abstentions and gave its assent to the application by the Republic of Bulgaria to become a member of the European Union. The resolution was drafted by Geoffrey VAN ORDEN (EPP-ED, UK).

Parliament stated that the Council and the Commission must fully involve the European Parliament in the follow-up to the process of accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, and in decision-making should the safeguard clauses contained in the accession treaty be activated in connection with the accession of Bulgaria. (Please see INI/2005/2029). Formally, Parliament has no longer a role to play in the run-up to the accession of the two countries now that it has given its assent. However, Members want to be able to continue to influence the course of events in both countries until the actual accessions take place, scheduled for 2007. Therefore, they want to be involved in a new mechanism which has been introduced in the Accession Treaty for Bulgaria and Romania and by which the Council may decide on a proposal from the Commission to postpone accession if the two countries fail to take measures required in time. Before the vote, Parliament did indeed get an assurance in writing from the Commission that it would "fully associate (it) to any possible decision to postpone accession", which was confirmed by the Council.