


Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2006/0259(CNS) Procedure completed
EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol	
See also 1997/0289(AVC)	
Subject 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.10 Relations with Latin America, Central America, Caribbean islands	
Geographical area Mexico	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	INTA International Trade		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion on the legal basis	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs		26/02/2007
		PSE MEDINA ORTEGA Manuel	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2852	25/02/2008
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2781	15/02/2007
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	External Relations	FERRERO-WALDNER Benita	

Key events			
01/10/2006	Legislative proposal published	COM(2006)0777	Summary
13/03/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/04/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
13/04/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0138/2007	
23/05/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/05/2007	Decision by Parliament	T6-0200/2007	Summary
25/02/2008	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/02/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2006/0259(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 1997/0289(AVC)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 133-p1+5; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 181; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 057-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 071
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/6/43596

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2006)0777	02/10/2006	EC	Summary
Supplementary legislative basic document		16522/2006	19/12/2006	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE386.395	06/03/2007	EP	
Committee opinion	JURI	PE386.569	22/03/2007	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0138/2007	13/04/2007	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0200/2007	23/05/2007	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2007)3179	14/06/2007	EC	

Additional information	
National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2008/271 OJ L 086 28.03.2008, p. 0027 Summary

EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

PURPOSE: to sign and conclude the Second Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Mexico to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: under Article 6(2) of the Protocol concerning the conditions and arrangements for admission of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU-Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement is to be agreed by means of a Second Additional Protocol to the Agreement. The same article provides for a special procedure whereby the Protocol is to be concluded by the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and by the third country concerned. This procedure is without prejudice to the Community's own competences.

On 23 October 2006, the Council approved a mandate for the Commission to negotiate such a Protocol with Mexico. These negotiations have since been completed to the satisfaction of the Commission.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this proposal. The most important aspects of the Protocol are provision for the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU-Mexico Agreement and inclusion of the new official languages of the EU.

It should be noted that the EU-Mexico free trade area was established by subsequent Decisions of the EU-Mexico Joint Council. Consequently the necessary adaptations to the trade provisions will also be made by means of Joint Council Decisions and are therefore not addressed in this Protocol.

EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

This document constitutes the draft definitive protocol under negotiation between the European Community and Mexico (for details about the content of the protocol, please refer to the summary dated 02/10/2006) with a view to the conclusion of a Second Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

The Committee on International Trade unanimously adopted the report drafted by Mr. Helmuth MARKOV (GUE/NGL, DE) amending ? in the context of the consultation procedure - the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of a Second Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

Overall, members of the Committee approve the amendment of the Additional Protocol. The only amendment called for by Members is of a legal nature and seeks to modify the procedure of adoption of the protocol itself. In their view, the agreement should be approved using the same procedure as was used to approve the main agreement. As a result, the parliamentary committee proposes to replace the first citation of the proposed decision so that the amending PCA protocol is approved according to the assent procedure (in accordance with Article 300 (3) TEC) thereby requiring the assent of Parliament instead of simple consultation.

EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Helmuth MARKOV (GUE/NGL, DE) making one amendment to the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of a Second Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

The amendment in question seeks to modify the procedure of adoption of the protocol itself. Parliament felt that the agreement should be approved using the same procedure as was used to approve the main agreement. The Commission was proposing to conclude the Additional Protocol on a legal basis different to that used as a legal basis for the Main Agreement.

As a result, Parliament proposes replacing the first citation of the decision so that the amending PCA protocol is approved according to the assent procedure (in accordance with Article 300 (3) TEC) thereby requiring the assent of Parliament instead of simple consultation.

EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

PURPOSE: to include Bulgaria and Romania in the partnership agreement between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and Mexico, on the other.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2008/271/EC on the conclusion of a Second Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the United Mexican States, on the other, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

CONTENT: the purpose of the Decision is to approve a Second Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the United Mexican States, on the other, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States.

Recall that the EU-Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement (see [AVC/1997/0289](#)) had been concluded in 2000, in other words, before the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union. Therefore, these two countries must be included in the agreement via a protocol.

This was signed on behalf of the European Community and its Member States on 21 February 2007.

