


# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">2007/0080(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Mutual assistance in criminal matters: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the 2000 Convention and 2001 Protocol thereto		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>LIBE</b> Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		21/05/2007
		PSE <a href="#">GRABOWSKA Genowefa</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)</a>	<a href="#">2827</a>	08/11/2007
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Justice and Consumers</a>	FRATTINI Franco	

Key events			
24/04/2007	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2007)0213</a>	Summary
19/06/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
27/06/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
28/06/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0261/2007</a>	
10/07/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/07/2007	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0307/2007</a>	Summary
08/11/2007	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
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Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2007)0213</a>	25/04/2007	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE390.434</a>	29/05/2007	EP	
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Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0307/2007</a>	10/07/2007	EP	Summary

Additional information	
National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Decision 2007/763</a> <a href="#">OJ L 307 24.11.2007, p. 0018</a> Summary

## Mutual assistance in criminal matters: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the 2000 Convention and 2001 Protocol thereto

**PURPOSE:** to enable Bulgaria and Romania to accede to the Convention of 29 May 2000 on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**CONTENT:** the 2005 Act of accession of Bulgaria and Romania has introduced a simplified system for the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the conventions (and protocols) concluded by the Member States on the basis of Art. 34 TEU (previously Art. K.3 TEU) or Art. 293 EC. It is no longer necessary, as in the past, to negotiate and conclude specific accession protocols to these conventions (which would have implied ratification by 27 States): Article 3(3) of the Act provides simply that Bulgaria and Romania accede to these conventions and protocols by virtue of the Act of Accession.

Article 3(3) and 3(4) of the Act of Accession provide that, to that effect, the Council shall adopt a decision in order to determine the date on which these conventions shall enter into force for Bulgaria and Romania and to make all the necessary adjustments to these conventions required by reason of the accession of the two new Member States (which would include, in any event, the adoption of the conventions in the Bulgarian and Romanian languages, so that these versions can be "equally authentic"). The Council shall act on a recommendation of the Commission, after consulting the European Parliament.

Annex I to the Act of Accession gives the list of the 7 conventions and protocols concerned in the Justice and Home Affairs area.

The list includes in particular the Convention, on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union and its Protocol of 16 October 2001, established by the Council in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union, to the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union.

The present draft Commission Recommendation is intended to make the adjustments required by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the aforementioned Convention and its Protocol, in accordance with Article 3(4) of the Act of Accession.

## Mutual assistance in criminal matters: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the 2000 Convention and 2001 Protocol thereto

The committee adopted the report by Genowefa GRABOWSKA (PES, PL) approving unamended, under the consultation procedure, the recommendation for a Council decision concerning the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the Convention of 29 May 2000, established by the Council in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union, on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union.

## Mutual assistance in criminal matters: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the 2000 Convention and 2001 Protocol thereto

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**PURPOSE:** to allow Bulgaria and Romania to accede to the Convention of 29 May 2000 on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the EU.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision 2007/763/EC concerning the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the Convention established by the Council in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union, on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union.

**CONTENT:** the 2005 Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania introduced a simplified system for the accession of these two countries to the conventions (and protocols) concluded by Member States on the basis of Article 34 TEU (previously Article K.3 TEU) or Article 293 EC.

Article 3(3) of the Act of Accession provides that Bulgaria and Romania accede to these conventions and protocols by virtue of the Act of Accession. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 3 provide that, to that effect, the Council shall adopt a decision in order to determine the date on which these conventions shall enter into force for Bulgaria and Romania, and to make all the necessary adjustments to these conventions required by reason of the accession of the two new Member States (which would include, in any event, the adoption of the conventions in the Bulgarian and Romanian languages, so that these versions can be "equally authentic").

Consequently, in virtue of this Council Decision, Bulgaria and Romania accede to the Convention established by the Council in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union, on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** the Decision takes effect from 25/11/2007. The dates for entry into force are planned to enable Bulgaria and Romania to accede to the basic Convention and the amending Protocol.