

# Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic) Decision	<a href="#">2007/0137(AVC)</a>	Procedure completed
EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol		
See also <a href="#">1995/0363(AVC)</a>		
Subject 6.40.05.02 Relations with the countries of the Great Maghreb and Maghreb		
Geographical area Morocco		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs		12/09/2007
		PPE-DE <a href="#">SARYUSZ-WOLSKI Jacek</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>INTA</b> International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Education, Youth, Culture and Sport</a>	<a href="#">2923</a>	16/02/2009
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	External Relations	FERRERO-WALDNER Benita	

Key events			
12/07/2007	Initial legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2007)0404</a>	Summary
12/09/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
10/10/2007	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">13104/2007</a>	Summary
17/11/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/11/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0458/2008</a>	
16/12/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/12/2008	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0584/2008</a>	Summary
16/02/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

16/02/2009	End of procedure in Parliament	
19/03/2009	Final act published in Official Journal	

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2007/0137(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also <a href="#">1995/0363(AVC)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1/2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 310
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/6/51675

Documentation gateway					
Initial legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2007)0404</a>	12/07/2007	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">13104/2007</a>	10/10/2007	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">13102/2007</a>	10/10/2007	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0458/2008</a>	20/11/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0584/2008</a>	16/12/2008	EP	Summary

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

Final act
<a href="#">Decision 2009/246</a> <a href="#">OJ L 073 19.03.2009, p. 0019</a> Summary

## EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

**PURPOSE:** to include Bulgaria and Romania (2007 enlargement) to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Union and Morocco.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**CONTENT:** the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, was signed in Brussels on 26 February 1996 and came into force on 1 March 2000 ([AVC/1995/0363](#)).

It is necessary to join a new Protocol to the initial Euro-Mediterranean Agreement to take account of the accession of these 2 new Member States. According to Article 6(2) of the Act annexed to the Treaty of Accession of 25 April 2005, accession of the new Member States to the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement is to be agreed by means of a protocol to that Agreement. The same article provides for a simplified 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 authorised the Commission, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, to negotiate with

Morocco a protocol amending the agreements concluded between the European Community and third countries, in particular the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Morocco, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the new Member States to the EU.

The negotiations with Morocco have since been completed to the satisfaction of the Commission. Morocco marked its agreement on 23 April in an exchange of letters.

The text of the protocol negotiated with Morocco is attached. The most important provisions of the protocol concern the accession of the new Member States to the EU-Morocco Agreement and the inclusion of the new official languages of the EU to take account of the EU's enlargement, plus Morocco's speeding-up of the dismantling of a number of duties and taxes on products originating in the EU.

Given that Morocco has indicated that it may again speed up tariff dismantling in future, provision should be made for a special mechanism to approve any such speeding-up of dismantling. Given that the speeding-up does not affect the nature of the provisions of the Agreement but, on the contrary, will help to achieve the Agreement's objectives more rapidly than foreseen.

The European Parliament will be called upon to give its assent to this Protocol.

## EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

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The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted, according to the simplified procedure ? Rule 43(1) of the Rules of Procedure, the report drafted by Jacek SARYUSZ- WOLSKI (EPP-ED, PL) which calls on the European Parliament to give its assent to the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

## EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

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This proposal for a decision forms the legal act by which the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and the Kingdom of Morocco, on the other hand, intend to conclude a Protocol to the EU-Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Agreement to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

The Decision requires the European Parliament's assent.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposed decision and can be found in Council document 13102/07.

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Council document 13102/2007 contains the final version of the draft Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

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The European Parliament adopted, by 497 votes to 18 with 7 abstentions a legislative resolution giving its assent to the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union. The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Jacek SARYUSZ- WOLSKI (EPP-ED, PL) on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

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**PURPOSE:** to conclude a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the EC and their Member States and Morocco, in order to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision 2009/246/EC on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

**CONTENT:** the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Morocco, of the other part, was signed in Brussels on 26 February 1996 and came into force on 1 March 2000 ([AVC/1995/0363](#)). Following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU in 2007, this Decision concludes a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the

European Communities and their Member States and Morocco, to take account of the accession of the Republics of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

The text of the protocol negotiated with Morocco is attached to the Decision. The most important provisions of the protocol concern the accession of the new Member States to the EU-Morocco Agreement, the inclusion of the new official languages of the EU to take account of the EU's enlargement, and Morocco's speeding-up of the dismantling of a number of duties and taxes on products originating in the EU.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Protocol shall enter into force when all of the necessary procedures have been completed.