

Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic) Decision	2007/0180(AVC)	Procedure completed
EC/Egypt agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement, protocol following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania		
See also 2001/0092(AVC)		
Subject 6.40.05.02 Relations with the countries of the Great Maghreb and Maghreb		
Geographical area Egypt		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		12/09/2007
		PPE-DE SARYUSZ-WOLSKI Jacek	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2853	28/02/2008
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	External Relations	FERRERO-WALDNER Benita	

Key events			
04/09/2007	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2007)0487	Summary
12/09/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
16/10/2007	Legislative proposal published	13199/2007	Summary
28/11/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/01/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0026/2008	
19/02/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
19/02/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0037/2008	Summary
28/02/2008	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

28/02/2008	End of procedure in Parliament	
05/03/2008	Final act published in Official Journal	

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2007/0180(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 2001/0092(AVC)
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/6/52855

Documentation gateway					
Initial legislative proposal		COM(2007)0487	04/09/2007	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		13199/2007	16/10/2007	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		13198/2007	16/10/2007	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0026/2008	30/01/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0037/2008	19/02/2008	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2008)1767	31/03/2008	EC	

Additional information	
National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2008/199 OJ L 060 05.03.2008, p. 0033 Summary

EC/Egypt agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement, protocol following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania

PURPOSE: to sign and provisionally apply a Protocol between the Community and Egypt to take account of Bulgaria and Romania's accession to the EU.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part entered into force in 2004 - that is before the accession of Romania and Bulgaria to the EU. (See: [AVC/2001/0092](#))

According to the Act of Accession (Article 6 (2)) any new EU Member State, in this case Romania and Bulgaria, will have their accession to the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement agreed by means of a Protocol. The Protocol should be approved through a simplified procedure.

Negotiations to modify the Protocol commenced between the Commission and Arab Republic of Egypt in October 2006. The negotiations have

now been concluded. The purpose of this proposal, therefore, is firstly, for the Council to sign the Protocol and secondly, to conclude the Protocol.

The most important aspects of the Protocol are the provisions for the accession of the new Member States to the EU-Egypt Association Agreement and the inclusion of the new official languages of the EU in order to take account of enlargement. Annex I of the Protocol also sets out arrangements applicable to imports into the Community of agricultural products originating in Egypt.

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

EC/Egypt agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement, protocol following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Mr Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI (EPP-ED, PL) under the simplified procedure (Article 43, para 1 of the Rules of Procedure), recommending that the European Parliament gives its assent to the proposal for a Council Decision regarding 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 Egypt, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

EC/Egypt agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement, protocol following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania

Council document 13198/2007 is the final version of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

EC/Egypt agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement, protocol following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania

This text constitutes the final act in which the Council decides to approve, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union (see Council document 13198/07).

EC/Egypt agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement, protocol following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution based on the report drafted by Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI (EPP-ED, PL) and gave 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 Egypt, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU.

EC/Egypt agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement, protocol following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania

PURPOSE : to sign and provisionally apply a Protocol between the Community and Egypt to take account of Bulgaria and Romania's accession to the EU.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2008/199/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 Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republics of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

CONTENT : this Decision approves the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, and Egypt, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. The Protocol was signed on behalf of the Community and its Member States on 26 November 2007. The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and the Egypt entered into force in 2004 - that is before the accession of Romania and Bulgaria to the EU. (See: [AVC/2001/0092](#)).