


# Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic) Decision	<a href="#">2007/0215(AVC)</a>	Procedure completed
EC/Croatia agreement: Stabilisation and Association Agreement; accession of Bulgaria and Romania		
Subject 6.40.03 Relations with South-East Europe and the Balkans		
Geographical area Croatia		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs		27/11/2007
		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
	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN</a>	<a href="#">2882</a>	08/07/2008
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations</a>	REHN Olli	

Key events			
17/10/2007	Initial legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2007)0612</a>	
27/11/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
21/11/2008	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">15019/2008</a>	Summary
04/12/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/12/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0490/2008</a>	
16/12/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/12/2008	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0586/2008</a>	Summary
16/02/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
16/02/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/02/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2007/0215(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 310; Euratom Treaty A 101-
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/6/55024

Documentation gateway					
Initial legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2007)0612</a>	17/10/2007	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">15834/2007</a>	17/01/2008	CSL	Summary
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">15019/2008</a>	21/11/2008	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0490/2008</a>	09/12/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0586/2008</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 2009/153</a> <a href="#">OJ L 051 24.02.2009, p. 0008</a> Summary

## EC/Croatia agreement: Stabilisation and Association Agreement; accession of Bulgaria and Romania

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) calling on the European Parliament to give its assent to the conclusion of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Croatia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

## EC/Croatia agreement: Stabilisation and Association Agreement; accession of Bulgaria and Romania

This Council document 15834/07 consists of the final version of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Croatia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

## EC/Croatia agreement: Stabilisation and Association Agreement; accession of Bulgaria and Romania

PURPOSE: to include Bulgaria and Romania in the Stabilisation and Associated Agreement between the EU and Croatia.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: on 17 October, the Commission presented a proposal for a decision aiming to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Croatia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union (see [COM\(2007\)0612](#)).

To recall, the European Community and its Member States concluded a Stabilisation and Association Protocol with Croatia in 2005 (for more details refer to [AVC/2001/0149](#)).

On 23 October 2006, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the Community and its Member States, with the Republic of Croatia in order to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Croatia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

These negotiations started on 14 December 2006 and continued until 17 April 2007. The Protocol was initialled by the Commission and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on 19 July 2007.

It was decided that the Protocol should be applied on a provisional basis with effect from 1 August 2007 and subject to its possible conclusion at a later date.

The final Protocol to the EU-Croatia Stabilisation and Association Agreement was signed on behalf of the Community on 15 July 2008 in accordance with Council Decision 2008/800/EC.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal for a decision and can be found in Council doc 15834/07.

The decision requires the European Parliament's assent.

## EC/Croatia agreement: Stabilisation and Association Agreement; accession of Bulgaria and Romania

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The European Parliament adopted, by 514 votes to 13 with 9 abstentions a legislative resolution giving its assent to the conclusion of a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Croatia, 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/Croatia agreement: Stabilisation and Association Agreement; accession of Bulgaria and Romania

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PURPOSE: to include Bulgaria and Romania in the Stabilisation and Associated Agreement between the EU and Croatia.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council and Commission Decision 2009/153/EC, Euratom on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Croatia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union

CONTENT: to recall, the European Community and its Member States concluded a Stabilisation and Association Protocol with Croatia in 2005 (for more details refer to [AVC/2001/0149](#)).

This Decision approves, on behalf of the European Community, the European Atomic Energy Community and the Member States. the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the EC and their Member States, of the one part, and Croatia, 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 on 15 July 2008 in accordance with Council Decision 2008/800/EC, and has been applied on a provisional basis.

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