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Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2013/0386(NLE)	Procedure completed
EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol		
Subject 6.40.03 Relations with South-East Europe and the Balkans		
Geographical area Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Foreign Affairs		22/09/2014
			
	Former committee responsible		
	 Foreign Affairs		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Former committee for opinion		
 International Trade			
 Agriculture and Rural Development			
 Fisheries			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	3294	18/02/2014
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	FÜLE Štefan	

Key events			
11/11/2013	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0780	Summary
11/02/2014	Legislative proposal published	05548/2014	Summary
15/09/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/06/2015	Vote in committee		
16/06/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0188/2015	Summary
	Results of vote in Parliament		

08/07/2015			
08/07/2015	Decision by Parliament	T8-0253/2015	Summary
01/10/2015	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
01/10/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/10/2015	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2013/0386(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p8-a2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 217
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/00256

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure		COM(2013)0778	11/11/2013	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		COM(2013)0779	11/11/2013	EC	
Preparatory document		COM(2013)0780	11/11/2013	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		05548/2014	11/02/2014	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		05547/2014	11/02/2014	CSL	
Document attached to the procedure		10165/2014	04/06/2014	CSL	
Committee draft report		PE554.883	21/04/2015	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0188/2015	16/06/2015	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0253/2015	08/07/2015	EP	Summary

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

[Decision 2015/1891](#)
[OJ L 279 23.10.2015, p. 0001](#) Summary

of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: on 24 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the FYROM in order to conclude a [Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement \(SAA\) between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the FYROM, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.](#)

These negotiations started on 18 December 2012, following prior technical consultations with the FYROM on the issue. This country confirmed its agreement with the protocol on 25 October 2013.

It is now necessary to conclude the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is invited to adopt a Decision aiming to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the FYROM, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

N.B.: for the conclusion of a Protocol on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, the Commission proposes that the Council gives its approval, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 101 of the Treaty establishing the EAEC.

Updating of the Protocol: the Protocol has been updated to reflect the 2013 EU Customs Tariff and the gradual abolition of duties under the SAA.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with a Council Decision, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

The conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

It is now necessary to approve the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is called upon to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Croatia to the European Union.

For further details of the objectives of the Protocol, please refer to the summary of the initial Commission legislative proposal from 11/11/2013.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the recommendation by Ivo VAJGL (ADLE, SI) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Members called on the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

The European Parliament adopted by 616 votes to 42, with 41 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to

take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2015/1891 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

CONTENT: by this Decision, the Council approves, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of to the European Union.

In accordance with [Council Decision 2014/665/EU](#), the Protocol has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

It should be noted that the conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1.1.2015.