

Procedure file

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Procedure completed	
Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union: accession of Croatia to the Convention of 26 May 1997 See also 1996/0911(CNS)	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		11/12/2014
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Council of the European Union European Commission	Commission DG Trade	Commissioner MALMSTRÖM Cecilia	

Key events			
28/10/2014	Legislative proposal published	COM(2014)0661	Summary
27/11/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/05/2015	Vote in committee		
12/05/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0157/2015	Summary
10/06/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/06/2015	Decision by Parliament	T8-0224/2015	Summary
15/01/2016	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
15/01/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	2014/0322(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consultation of Parliament
	See also 1996/0911(CNS)
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159

Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/8/01881

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Legislative proposal		COM(2014)0661	28/10/2014	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE544.462	23/03/2015	EP	
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Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2016/63 OJ L 014 21.01.2016, p. 0023 Summary

Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union: accession of Croatia to the Convention of 26 May 1997

PURPOSE: to allow Croatia to adhere to the Convention of 26 May 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union, on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of 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: the 2011 Accession Treaty of Croatia has introduced a simplified system for the accession of Croatia to the conventions (and protocols) concluded by the Member States on the basis of Art. 34 TEU. It is no longer necessary to negotiate and conclude specific accession protocols (which would have to be ratified by the 28 Member States): the Act of Accession simply state that Croatia accedes to the conventions and protocols by virtue of the Act.

To that effect, the Council shall adopt a decision in order to determine the date on which these conventions shall enter into force for Croatia and to make all the necessary adjustments to these conventions required by reason of the accession of the new Member State (which would include, in any event, the adoption of the conventions in the Croatian language, so that these versions can be "equally authentic").

The Council shall act on a recommendation of the Commission, after consulting the European Parliament.

CONTENT: this proposal recommends the Council to allow Croatia to adhere to the Convention of 26 May 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union, on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union.

N.B.: Annex I of the Act of Accession lists the six conventions and protocols concerned in the area of justice and home affairs.

Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union: accession of Croatia to the Convention of 26 May 1997

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted the report by Filiz HYUSMENOVA (ADLE, BG) on the recommendation for a Council decision concerning the accession of Croatia to the Convention of 26 May 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union, on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union.

The committee called on the European Parliament to approve the Commission recommendation.

The 2011 Accession Treaty of the Republic of Croatia has introduced a simplified system for the accession of Croatia to the conventions (and protocols) concluded by the Member States on the basis of Art. 34 TEU (previously Art. K.3 TEU).

Article 3(4) and 3(5) of the Act provides that Croatia accedes to these conventions and protocols by virtue of this Act.

The Act of Accession provide that the Council shall adopt a decision in order to determine the date on which these conventions shall enter into force for Croatia and to make all the necessary adjustments to these conventions required by reason of the accession of the new Member State. 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 conventions and protocols concerned. The list includes the Convention of 26 May 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union, on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union.

The Commission Recommendation for a Council Decision is intended to make the adjustments required by reason of the accession of Croatia to the aforementioned Convention.

Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union: accession of Croatia to the Convention of 26 May 1997

The European Parliament adopted by 645 votes to 6, with 51 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the recommendation for a Council decision concerning the accession of Croatia to the Convention of 26 May 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union, on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union.

Parliament approved the recommendation from the Commission.

Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union: accession of Croatia to the Convention of 26 May 1997

PURPOSE: to allow Croatia to adhere to the Convention of 26 May 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union, on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2016/63 concerning the accession of Croatia to the Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union.

BACKGROUND: the 2011 Accession Treaty of Croatia has introduced a simplified system for the accession of Croatia to the conventions (and protocols) concluded by the Member States on the basis of Art. 34 TEU. It is no longer necessary to negotiate and conclude specific accession protocols (which would have to be ratified by the 28 Member States): the Act of Accession simply state that Croatia accedes to the conventions and protocols by virtue of the Act.

To that effect, the Council shall adopt a decision in order to determine the date on which these conventions shall enter into force for Croatia and to make all the necessary adjustments to these conventions required by reason of the accession of the new Member State (which would include, in any event, the adoption of the conventions in the Croatian language, so that these versions can be "equally authentic").

The Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union was signed on 26 May 1997 and entered into force on 28 September 2005.

Article 3(4) of the Act of Accession of Croatia provides that Croatia accedes to the conventions and protocols concluded between the Member States, listed in Annex I to the Act of Accession, which comprises, inter alia, the Convention against corruption involving officials.

They are to enter into force in relation to Croatia on the date determined by the Council.

CONTENT: under this Decision, the Council decided that the Convention against corruption involving officials shall enter into force for Croatia on the first day of the first month following the date of publication of this Decision.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 15.1.2016. The Decision shall take effect on 21.1.2016. The Convention shall enter into force on 1.2.2016 for Croatia.