


# Procedure file

| Basic information  |                |
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| NLE - Non-legislative enactments   | 2014/0322(NLE) |
| 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<br>See also <a href="#">1996/0911(CNS)</a> |                |
| Subject<br>7.30.30.06 Action to combat economic fraud and corruption<br>7.40.04 Judicial cooperation in criminal matters<br>8.40.09 European officials, EU servants, staff regulations   |                |

| Key players                   |   |                                       |            |
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| European Parliament           | Committee responsible                                 | Rapporteur                            | Appointed  |
|                               | <b>LIBE</b> Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs |                                       | 11/12/2014 |
|                               |   | ALDE <a href="#">HYUSMENOVA Filiz</a> |            |
| Council of the European Union | Commission DG   | Commissioner                          |            |
| European Commission           | <a href="#">Trade</a>                                 | MALMSTRÖM Cecilia                     |            |

| Key events |  |   |         |
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| 28/10/2014 | Legislative proposal published   | <a href="#">COM(2014)0661</a>   | Summary |
| 27/11/2014 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading |   |         |
| 06/05/2015 | Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading                          |   |         |
| 12/05/2015 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading        | <a href="#">A8-0157/2015</a>  | Summary |
| 10/06/2015 | Results of vote in Parliament  |  |         |
| 10/06/2015 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading                     | <a href="#">T8-0224/2015</a>  | Summary |
| 15/01/2016 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament                |   |         |
| 15/01/2016 | End of procedure in Parliament   |   |         |
| 21/01/2016 | Final act published in Official Journal                                |   |         |

| Technical information |   |
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| Procedure reference   | 2014/0322(NLE)                          |
| Procedure type        | NLE - Non-legislative enactments        |
| Procedure subtype     | Consultation of Parliament              |
|                       | See also <a href="#">1996/0911(CNS)</a> |
| Modified legal basis  | Rules of Procedure EP 159               |

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

| Documentation gateway   |  |                               |            |    |         |
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| Legislative proposal  |  | <a href="#">COM(2014)0661</a> | 28/10/2014 | EC | Summary |
| Committee draft report  |  | <a href="#">PE544.462</a>     | 23/03/2015 | EP |         |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading |  | <a href="#">A8-0157/2015</a>  | 12/05/2015 | EP | Summary |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading          |  | <a href="#">T8-0224/2015</a>  | 10/06/2015 | EP | Summary |

| Additional information |                         |
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| European Commission    | <a href="#">EUR-Lex</a> |

| Final act  |
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| <a href="#">Decision 2016/63</a><br><a href="#">OJ L 014 21.01.2016, p. 0023</a> Summary |

## 2014/0322(NLE) - 28/10/2014 Legislative proposal

**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.

## 2014/0322(NLE) - 12/05/2015 Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

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.

## 2014/0322(NLE) - 10/06/2015 Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

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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.

## 2014/0322(NLE) - 15/01/2016 Final act

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**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.