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Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2017/0319(NLE)
Awaiting final decision	
EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol See also 1997/0289(AVC)	
Subject 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.10 Relations with Latin America, Central America, Caribbean islands	
Geographical area Mexico	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 International Trade	 RODRÍGUEZ-PIÑERO Inma	22/01/2018
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 FISAS AYXELÀ Santiago	
		 MCCLARKIN Emma	
		 CHARANZOVÁ Dita	
		 HAUTALA Heidi	
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	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
 Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
 Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
01/12/2017	Preparatory document	COM(2017)0723	Summary

14/05/2018	Legislative proposal published	15383/2017	Summary
10/12/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/02/2019	Vote in committee		
06/02/2019	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0066/2019	Summary
12/02/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/02/2019	Decision by Parliament	T8-0067/2019	Summary

Technical information

Procedure reference	2017/0319(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
	See also 1997/0289(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 211; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 100-p2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 091; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	INTA/8/11727

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure	COM(2017)0722	01/12/2017	EC	
Preparatory document	COM(2017)0723	01/12/2017	EC	Summary
For information	COM(2017)0719	01/12/2017	EC	
Legislative proposal	15383/2017	14/05/2018	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	15410/2017	14/05/2018	CSL	
Committee draft report	PE622.187	13/12/2018	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0066/2019	06/02/2019	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0067/2019	12/02/2019	EP	Summary

EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, a Third Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, on the one part, and the United Mexican States, on the other hand, to take into account Croatia's accession to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow its opinion.

BACKGROUND: the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, was signed on 8 December 1997 and entered into force on 1 October 2000.

Croatia undertook to accede to the existing agreements concluded or signed by the Member States and the European Union with third countries. Unless otherwise provided for in specific agreements, Croatia accedes to these existing agreements by means of protocols that the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, concludes with the third countries concerned.

On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned with a view to concluding the relevant protocols. The negotiations with Mexico have been successfully concluded.

CONTENT: the aim of the Commission proposal is to invite the Council to adopt a decision approving, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Third Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

It is intended that the Third Additional Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Parties have notified each other of the completion of the internal procedures necessary for that purpose.

EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, a Third Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, on the one part, and the United Mexican States, on the other hand, to take into account Croatia's accession 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: the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Mexico, of the other part (Global Agreement), was signed on 8 December 1997 and entered into force on 1 October 2000.

In accordance with Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of Croatia, the accession of Croatia to the Global Agreement is to be agreed by means of a protocol to the Global Agreement concluded between the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and Mexico.

On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Mexico with a view to concluding the Third Additional Protocol to the Global Agreement to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union. The negotiations were successfully concluded and the Protocol was signed.

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

CONTENT: the Council seeks to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Third Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Mexico, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Inmaculada RODRÍGUEZ-PIÑERO FERNÁNDEZ (S&D, ES) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Third Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament give its approval to the conclusion of the agreement.

In the explanatory memorandum accompanying the recommendation, it is recalled that, in accordance with Croatia's Act of Accession, Croatia has undertaken to accede to the existing agreements concluded or signed by the European Union and its Member States with third countries. Unless otherwise provided for in specific agreements, Croatia shall accede to these agreements by means of protocols concluded between the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and the third countries concerned.

On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned with a view to concluding the relevant protocols. A third Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, was signed in Brussels on 8 December 1997 and entered into force on 1 October 2000.

The third protocol was successfully finalised and signed on 27 November 2018 in Brussels and was then referred to Parliament for its consent.

The rapporteur called for (i) enhanced information sharing with the Committee on International Trade (INTA) throughout the full life-cycle of international agreements, (ii) improved information to the general public and stakeholders on the effects of international agreements, (iii) the avoidance of the use of provisional application before Parliament's consent and (iv) communicate ex ante and ex post information by the Council and the Commission to the European Parliament, economic operators, social partners and civil society organisations concerned, as regards all relevant decisions taken in the context of international trade agreements.

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The European Parliament adopted by 622 votes to 14, with 35 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Third Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Parliament gave its approval to the conclusion of the agreement.