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Key players			
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Key events			
13/02/2020	Preparatory document	COM(2020)0052	
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	2020/0024(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
	See also 2011/0303(NLE)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 217; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	AFET/9/02544

Documentation gateway					
Document attached to the procedure		COM(2020)0051	13/02/2020	EC	
Preparatory document		COM(2020)0052	13/02/2020	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		06049/1/2020	24/06/2020	CSL	
Legislative proposal		06048/2020	30/11/2020	CSL	Summary
Committee opinion		PE650.387	29/01/2021	EP	
Committee draft report		PE689.635	09/03/2021	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0148/2021	27/04/2021	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0224/2021	18/05/2021	EP	Summary

EU/Central America Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Central America, 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: the Council may adopt the act only if the European Parliament has given its consent.

BACKGROUND: the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Central America, of the other part, was signed on 29 June 2012 and has not yet fully entered into force, as some Member States have yet to ratify it.

In accordance with the Act of Accession of Croatia, Croatia has undertaken to accede to the existing agreements concluded or signed by the Member States and the European Union with third countries by means of protocols concluded by the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, with the third countries concerned.

The text of the Protocol to the Association Agreement, which takes into account the accession of Croatia to the European Union, was finalised by both parties on 27 June 2019 in the framework of the Association Committee meeting.

CONTENT: the Council's draft aims to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Central America, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

Through the proposed Protocol, Croatia would be integrated into the Association Agreement with Central America as a party to the Agreement.

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The European Parliament adopted by 635 votes to 5, with 56 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the Union and its Member States of the Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America, on the other, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Following the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

In June 2012, the European Union and the Central American countries signed an Association Agreement which creates a new framework for bilateral relations. This Association Agreement is based on three interdependent pillars of equal importance: political dialogue, cooperation and trade.

With this Protocol, Croatia will be integrated into the Association Agreement with Central America as a Party.