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

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PURPOSE: to allow Bulgaria and Romania to accede to the Convention of 26 May 1997 on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2007/751/EC concerning the accession of Bulgaria and Romania 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.

CONTENT: the 2005 Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania introduced a simplified system for the accession of these two countries to the conventions (and protocols) concluded by Member States on the basis of Article 34 TEU (previously Article K.3 TEU) or Article 293 EC.

Article 3(3) of the Act of Accession provides that Bulgaria and Romania accede to these conventions and protocols by virtue of the Act of Accession. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 3 provide that, to that effect, the Council shall adopt a decision in order to determine the date on which these conventions shall enter into force for Bulgaria and Romania, and to make all the necessary adjustments to these conventions required by reason of the accession of the two new Member States (which would include, in any event, the adoption of the conventions in the Bulgarian and Romanian languages, so that these versions can be "equally authentic").

Consequently, in virtue of this Council Decision, Bulgaria and Romania accede 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.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision takes effect from 23/11/1007. For Bulgaria and Romania, the Convention against corruption involving officials enters into force on 1 December 2007.