EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia FYROM stabilisation and association agreement: signing and conclusion of the Protocol following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania

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PURPOSE: to provisionally apply a protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement concluded with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) in order to take account of the accession of Romania and Bulgaria to the European Union.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council and Commission Decision 2008/438/EC, Euratom on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

CONTENT: on 9 April 2001, the Community and its Member States signed a Stabilisation and Association Agreement (by exchange of letters) with the FYROM (for more information see AVC/2001/0049).

The Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, was signed on behalf of the European Community and the Member States on 18 February 2008 in accordance with Council Decision 2008/273/EC.

This Decision aims to approve the Protocol on behalf of the European Community and its Member States and to apply it provisionally, as from the data of accession, pending its definitive entry into force.