

Accession Treaty: accession of Croatia

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The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the recommendation drafted by Hannes SWOBODA (S&D, AT) on the draft Decision of the Council of the European Union on the admission of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union. Members recall that the conditions for the admission of the applicant country and the modifications which its accession entails are set out in the draft Treaty concerning the Accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union and that Parliament should be consulted on any substantial modifications to the draft Treaty. Members state that the Commission must monitor further preparations for accession with rigour and objectivity and help the Croatian authorities to fulfil their commitments and obligations as entered into in the negotiations. It must keep Parliament regularly informed of the extent to which the Croatian authorities honour their commitments in order to fully assume their membership obligations upon accession on 1 July 2013. In this context, Members call on the European Parliament to give its consent to the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia and notably the Council decision accepting the application for accession.