

EU/Colombia and Peru Trade Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

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PURPOSE: to conclude the Additional Protocol to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, 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: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: on 24 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Colombia and Peru in order to conclude an Additional Protocol to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

This negotiation process was successfully completed on 22 July 2014.

In accordance with a Council Decision, the Additional Protocol to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

It is now necessary to approve the Protocol on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is called upon to adopt a decision aiming to approve the Additional Protocol to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union, on behalf of the Union and its Member States.