Convention of 26 July 1995 on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests and its Protocols: accession of Croatia

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PURPOSE: accession of Croatia to the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests as well as its Protocols.

PROPOSED ACT: Recommendation for a Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow its opinion.

BACKGROUND: the Act concerning the conditions of accession of Croatia to the European Union has introduced a simplified system for the accession of Croatia to the conventions (and protocols) concluded by the Member States on the basis of Art. 34 TEU (previously Art. K.3 TEU). It is provided that the Act of Accession provides 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 Croatia and to make all the necessary adjustments to these conventions required by reason of the accession of the new Member State (which would include, in any event, the adoption of the conventions in the Croatian language, so that these versions can be "equally authentic"). The Council shall act on a recommendation of the Commission, after consulting the European Parliament.

The Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, signed on 26 July 1995 and drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, entered into force on 17 October 2002. It was complemented by the Protocol of 27 September 1996 and the Protocol of 29 November 1996, then by the Second Protocol of 19 June 1997.

CONTENT: under this present proposal, the Commission recommended that the Council adopt a decision concerning the access of Croatia to the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests as well as its Protocols.