

# **EC/Tajikistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol**

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**PURPOSE:** to conclude, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tajikistan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic 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:** the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tajikistan, of the other part, was signed in Brussels on 11 October 2004 and entered into force on 1st October 2010. According to its Act of Accession, Croatia shall accede to the international agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States by means of a protocol to those agreements.

**CONTENT:** the proposal constitutes the legal instrument for the conclusion of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tajikistan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

The proposed Protocol seeks to incorporate the Republic of Croatia as contracting party to the Agreement and commits the EU to providing the authentic version of the Agreement in the Croatian language. The Commission requests the Council to conclude, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol.