

# Mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations: accession of Croatia to the Convention of 18 December 1997

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The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection adopted the report by Liisa JAAKONSAARI (S&D, FI) on the recommendation for a Council decision concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the Convention of 18 December 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations.

The parliamentary committee recommended that the European Parliament **approve the Commission recommendation**.

To recall, the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia contains a simplified system for accession of Croatia to the conventions and protocols concluded by the Member States on the basis of Article 34 TEU (previously Article K.3 TEU) or Article 293 EC. The Act of Accession simply provides that Croatia accedes to the conventions and protocols by virtue of the Act.

The Commission recommends to the Council that the Convention of 18 December 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty of the European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations, shall enter into force in relation to Croatia on the date on which this Decision shall take effect.