

# **EC/Jordan Euro-Mediterranean Association 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, a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Jordan, 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:** according to its Act of Accession, Croatia undertakes to accede to the international agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States by means of a protocol to those agreements.

The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Jordan, of the other part, was signed in Brussels on 24 November 1997 and entered into force on 1 May 2002.

The negotiations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan were successfully concluded by exchange of letters on 6 May 2014.

The Commission, judging that the results of the negotiations were satisfactory, is now calling for the Protocol to be approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

**CONTENT:** the Commission calls on the Council to adopt a decision to approve, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Jordan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.