EC/Chile Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2017/0042(NLE) - 06/11/2017 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude the Third Additional Protocol to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Chile, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2017/2060 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Third Additional Protocol to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

CONTENT: in accordance with Croatia's Act of Accession, the accession of Croatia to, *inter alia*, the Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Chile, of the other part is to be agreed by means of a protocol to that Agreement. Pursuant to the Agreement, a simplified procedure is to apply to such accessions, whereby a protocol is to be concluded by the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and by the third country concerned.

On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned in view of the accession of Croatia to the Union.

The negotiations with Chile were successfully concluded and the Protocol was signed, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, on 29 June 2017 in Brussels.

By this Decision, the Third Additional Protocol to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Chile, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

The Protocol incorporates Croatia as a contracting party to the Agreement.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 06/11/2017.