

EC/Israel 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 Israel, 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: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Israel, of the other part, was signed on 20 November 1995. The Agreement entered into force on 1 June 2000.

Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013.

In accordance with Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, the accession of Croatia to this Agreement is to be agreed by means of a protocol to the Agreement concluded between the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and the State of Israel.

On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the State of Israel. The negotiations were successfully concluded.

In accordance with a Council Decision, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Israel, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union was signed on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

It is now necessary to approve this Protocol on behalf of the Union.

CONTENT: the Council seeks to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.