

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 Croatia's accession to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2019/610 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a 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 the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

CONTENT: the Council adopted a Decision on the approval, on behalf of the Union, of 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 the Republic of Croatia to the Union.

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

Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013. In accordance with the Act of Accession of Croatia, its accession to that Agreement must be approved by the conclusion of a Protocol to the Agreement 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 Protocol to the Agreement to take account of Croatia's accession to the European Union was signed on behalf of the Union and its Member States in Brussels on 20 December 2018.

Under the Protocol, Croatia is included in 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.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 8.4.2019.