# EU/Central America Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

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The European Parliament adopted by 635 votes to 5, with 56 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the Union and its Member States of the Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America, on the other, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Following the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the European Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the Protocol.

In June 2012, the European Union and the Central American countries signed an Association Agreement which creates a new framework for bilateral relations. This Association Agreement is based on three interdependent pillars of equal importance: political dialogue, cooperation and trade.

With this Protocol, Croatia will be integrated into the Association Agreement with Central America as a Party.