Basic information

1994/2205(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Malta's application for membership **Subject** 8.20.02 Enlargement 2004: new Member States **Geographical area** Malta	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	MALONE Bernie (PSE)	20/12/1994

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	19/12/1994
RELA External Economic Relations		

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
12/12/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/06/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
21/06/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0159/1995	
11/07/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary
12/07/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/09/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1994/2205(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure

Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 55
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/4/06250

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0159/1995 OJ C 249 25.09.1995, p. 0004	21/06/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0343/1995 OJ C 249 25.09.1995, p. 0031-0076	12/07/1995	Summary

Malta's application for membership

1994/2205(INI) - 12/07/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

Adopting the report by Mrs MALONE (PSE, IRL), the European Parliament stressed the geo-political and strategic importance of the island and the advantages of enlarging the Union to include more of the Mediterranean region and called on the Council and the Member States to commit themselves resolutely and unreservedly to ensuring that Malta joined the Union quickly. It welcomed the progress made during the stage preceding accession negotiations, which had consolidated relations between Malta and the European Union and constituted the unquestionable basis for pre-accession prior to negotiations proper. According to the European Parliament, the legal and economic obstacles raised by the Commission in its opinion could be easily surmounted given the political will of the parties to find a solution. It therefore considered that accession negotiations could commence in the near future and supported the Council decision to start negotiations six months after the close of the IGC. However, Parliament reiterated once again that enlargement needed to be accompanied by institutional changes at Community level. At the same time, Parliament pointed out that the new financial protocol, which was tantamount to a pre-accession protocol, should enter into force immediately in order to support Malta in its integration efforts. It considered that Malta's economic situation would not hamper its accession but that Malta should endeavour to subscribe to the spirit of the TEU, including on common foreign and security policy. Parliament called on the Member States to give Malta observer status with the right to speak at the 1996 IGC. Finally, it stated that the Euro-Mediterranean conference should clearly highlight the status of Malta as a candidate country.