

Basic information	
<p>2007/0137(AVC)</p> <p>AVC - Assent procedure (historic) Decision</p>	Procedure completed
<p>EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol</p> <p>See also 1995/0363(AVC)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>6.40.05.02 Relations with the countries of the Great Maghreb and Maghreb</p> <p>Geographical area</p> <p>Morocco</p>	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		SARYUSZ-WOLSKI Jacek (PPE-DE)	12/09/2007
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	INTA International Trade		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
	Education, Youth, Culture and Sport		2923	2009-02-16
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	External Relations		FERRERO-WALDNER Benita	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
12/07/2007	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2007)0404 	Summary
12/09/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
10/10/2007	Legislative proposal published	13104/2007	Summary

17/11/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/11/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0458/2008	
16/12/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0584/2008	Summary
16/12/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/02/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
16/02/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/03/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2007/0137(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 1995/0363(AVC)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 310 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1/2 2005 Act of Accession (Bulgaria and Romania) TSA 6-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/6/51675

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0458/2008	20/11/2008	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0584/2008	16/12/2008	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	13102/2007	10/10/2007	Summary	
Legislative proposal	13104/2007	10/10/2007	Summary	
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Initial legislative proposal	COM(2007)0404 	12/07/2007	Summary	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2009/0246 OJ L 073 19.03.2009, p. 0019	Summary

EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

2007/0137(AVC) - 16/12/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 497 votes to 18 with 7 abstentions a legislative resolution giving its assent to the conclusion 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 Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union. The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Jacek **SARYUSZ- WOLSKI** (EPP-ED, PL) on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

2007/0137(AVC) - 16/02/2009 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the EC and their Member States and Morocco, in order to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2009/246/EC on the conclusion 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 Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

CONTENT: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Morocco, of the other part, was signed in Brussels on 26 February 1996 and came into force on 1 March 2000 ([AVC/1995/0363](#)). Following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU in 2007, this Decision concludes a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and Morocco, to take account of the accession of the Republics of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

The text of the protocol negotiated with Morocco is attached to the Decision. The most important provisions of the protocol concern the accession of the new Member States to the EU-Morocco Agreement, the inclusion of the new official languages of the EU to take account of the EU's enlargement, and Morocco's speeding-up of the dismantling of a number of duties and taxes on products originating in the EU.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Protocol shall enter into force when all of the necessary procedures have been completed.

EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

2007/0137(AVC) - 12/07/2007 - Initial legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to include Bulgaria and Romania (2007 enlargement) to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Union and Morocco.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, was signed in Brussels on 26 February 1996 and came into force on 1 March 2000 ([AVC/1995/0363](#)).

It is necessary to join a new Protocol to the initial Euro-Mediterranean Agreement to take account of the accession of these 2 new Member States. According to Article 6(2) of the Act annexed to the Treaty of Accession of 25 April 2005, accession of the new Member States to the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement is to be agreed by means of a protocol to that Agreement. The same article provides for a simplified procedure, whereby the protocol is to be concluded by the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and by the third country concerned. This procedure is without prejudice to the Community's own competences.

On 23 October 2006, the Council authorised the Commission, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, to negotiate with Morocco a protocol amending the agreements concluded between the European Community and third countries, in particular the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Morocco, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the new Member States to the EU.

The negotiations with Morocco have since been completed to the satisfaction of the Commission. Morocco marked its agreement on 23 April in an exchange of letters.

The text of the protocol negotiated with Morocco is attached. The most important provisions of the protocol concern the accession of the new Member States to the EU-Morocco Agreement and the inclusion of the new official languages of the EU to take account of the EU's enlargement, plus Morocco's speeding-up of the dismantling of a number of duties and taxes on products originating in the EU.

Given that Morocco has indicated that it may again speed up tariff dismantling in future, provision should be made for a special mechanism to approve any such speeding-up of dismantling. Given that the speeding-up does not affect the nature of the provisions of the Agreement but, on the contrary, will help to achieve the Agreement's objectives more rapidly than foreseen.

The European Parliament will be called upon to give its assent to this Protocol.

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2007/0137(AVC) - 10/10/2007 - Document attached to the procedure

Council document *13102/2007* contains the final version of the draft Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

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2007/0137(AVC) - 10/10/2007 - Legislative proposal

This proposal for a decision forms the legal act by which the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and the Kingdom of Morocco, on the other hand, intend to conclude a Protocol to the EU-Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Agreement to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

The Decision requires the European Parliament's assent.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposed decision and can be found in Council document *13102/07*.