Basic information

2008/0027(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol See also 2002/0083(AVC) **Subject** 6.40.05.04 Relations with the countries of the Mashreq **Geographical area** Lebanon	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	MĂNESCU Ramona Nicole (PPE)	22/06/2015
	Shadow rapporteur LÓPEZ Javi (S&D) HADJIGEORGIOU Takis (GUE/NGL)	

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs		
AFET Foreign Affairs		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INTA International Trade		

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Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	3347	2014-11-18
Foreign Affairs	3482	2016-07-18

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
External Relations	ASHTON Catherine

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
02/12/2009	Additional information		Summary
14/10/2014	Legislative proposal published	13395/2014	Summary
06/07/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/05/2016	Vote in committee		
31/05/2016	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0195/2016	Summary
23/06/2016	Decision by Parliament	T8-0283/2016	Summary
23/06/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/07/2016	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/07/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/07/2016	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2008/0027(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 2002/0083(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 217
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/00020

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE576.889	08/03/2016	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0195/2016	31/05/2016	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0283/2016	23/06/2016	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	13376/2014	14/10/2014	
Legislative proposal	13395/2014	14/10/2014	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2016/1218
OJ L 201 27.07.2016, p. 0001 Summary

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

2008/0027(NLE) - 27/07/2016 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2016/1218 on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

CONTENT: under this Decision, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

The Protocol was signed on behalf of the Union and its Member States on 18 June 2015.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 18.7.2016.

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

2008/0027(NLE) - 31/05/2016 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Ramona Nicole MĂNESCU (EPP, RO) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to give its **consent to the conclusion** of the Protocol.

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

2008/0027(NLE) - 23/06/2016 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 498 to 33, with 54 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

In line with the recommendation made by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the Protocol.

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

2008/0027(NLE) - 14/10/2014 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol seeking to take account of the accession Bulgaria and Romania 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 Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, was signed on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

It is now necessary to conclude the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: this proposed decision calls on the Council to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the Union (AVC/2002/0083).

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

2008/0027(NLE) - 11/02/2008

PURPOSE: to include Bulgaria and Romania (2007 enlargement) in the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Lebanon, on the other, signed a Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement before the enlargement of the European Union to include Bulgaria and Romania, in other words before 1 January 2007 (see AVC/2002/0083).

It is therefore necessary to include a new protocol in the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement to take into account the accession of these two Member States to the initial Agreement, in accordance with article 6(2) of the Act of Accession annexed to the Treaty of Accession of 25 April 2005.

The Commission therefore negotiated a protocol to the Association Agreement with the Republic of Lebanon which now must be signed on behalf of the European Community and its Member States.

The accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement must be approved by 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), as set out in this proposal.

The text of the protocol negotiated with Lebanon is attached. The negotiations were delayed due to the constraints experienced by the Lebanese administration and their request of clarification even beyond the scope of the protocol before providing their agreement of principle to the text. During these negotiations it was concluded that no additional trade concessions in agriculture, processed agricultural and fishery products would be added to

the existing Association Agreement (this is normally the case for such protocols). The most important provision of the protocol concerns the accession of the new Member States to the EU-Lebanon Association Agreement and the inclusion of the new official languages of the EU;

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