Basic information

2008/0057(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic) Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania See also 2006/0044(AVC) **Subject** 6.40.03 Relations with South-East Europe and the Balkans **Geographical area** Albania	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	SARYUSZ-WOLSKI Jacek (PPE-DE)	02/04/2008

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
General Affairs	2888	2008-09-15
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2927	2009-02-26

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	REHN Olli

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/03/2008	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0139	Summary
02/04/2008	Vote in committee		Summary

21/08/2008	Legislative proposal published	07999/2008	Summary
04/12/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/12/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0496/2008	
16/12/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0585/2008	Summary
16/12/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/02/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/02/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/04/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2008/0057(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 2006/0044(AVC)
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 101-p2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1/2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 310 2005 Act of Accession (Bulgaria and Romania) TSA 6-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/6/61135

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0496/2008	10/12/2008	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0585/2008	16/12/2008	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	07999/2008	21/08/2008	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	07998/2008	05/09/2008	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	COM(2008)0139	14/03/2008	Summary

Follow-up document	COM(2009)0144	30/03/2009	Summary

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

Final act	
Decision 2009/0331 OJ L 107 28.04.2009, p. 0164	Summary

EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania

2008/0057(AVC) - 26/02/2009 - 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 and Commission Decision 2009/331/EC, Euratom on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

CONTENT : the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part, was signed in Luxemburg on 12 June 2006 (please refer to AVC/2006/0044). Following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU, a Protocol has been negotiated and on 7 January 2008.

This Decision approves on behalf of the EC, the European Atomic Energy Community and the Member States, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the EC and their Member States, and Albania to take account of the accession of the Bulgaria and Romania to the EU.

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

EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania

2008/0057(AVC) - 21/08/2008 - 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 Albania, on the other, intend to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the EC and Albania 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 *07998/08*.

EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania

2008/0057(AVC) - 05/09/2008 - Document attached to the procedure

Council document *07998/08* contains the final version of the draft Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania

2008/0057(AVC) - 14/03/2008 - Initial legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to include Bulgaria and Romania in the stabilisation and association agreement concluded between the EU and Albania.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania, of the other part, was signed in Luxemburg on 12 June 2006 (please refer to AVC/2006/0044).

On 23 October 2006, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the Community and its Member States, with the Republic of Albania in order to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

Negotiating rounds with Albania took place on 22 November 2006 and 1 February 2007. They continued by exchanges of letters on 2 April, 21 May, 9 July and 12 September 2007. The Protocol was initialled by the Commission and the Government of the Republic of Albania on 7 January 2008.

The aim of this proposal is to approve this protocol on behalf of the Community. To do this, the proposal uses a specific procedure.

The text of the initialled protocol is attached.

EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania

2008/0057(AVC) - 16/12/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 502 votes to 17 with 6 abstentions a legislative resolution giving its assent to the conclusion of a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania, 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/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania

2008/0057(AVC) - 30/03/2009 - Follow-up document

PURPOSE: to present a proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on a Community Position concerning a Decision of the EU – Albania Stabilisation and Association Council on its Rules of Procedure.

CONTENT: the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Albania, of on the other, will enter into force on 1 April 2009, following the completion of its ratification by all Member States on 26 February 2009.

The Stabilisation and Association Council established by Article 116 of the said Agreement supervises the implementation of the Agreement and examines any major issues arising within its framework, and any other bilateral or international issues of mutual interest.

As provided in Article 117 of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, the Stabilisation and Association Council shall establish its rules of procedure. In conformity with Article 120 of the Agreement, these rules of procedure determine the duties of the Stabilisation and Association Committee, which shall assist the Stabilisation and Association Council in the performance of its duties.

As laid down by Article 2(1) of Council Decision of 26 February 2009 on the conclusion of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, the Community position in the Stabilisation and Association Council will be established by decision of the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission.

The Council is therefore invited to approve the proposal.

The position to be adopted by the Community within the Stabilisation and Association Council in relation to the rules of procedures and to the delegation of its powers to the Stabilisation and Association Committee shall be based on the draft decision of the Stabilisation and Association Council, annexed to this Decision. Minor amendments to this draft decision may be accepted without further decision of the Council.