Basic information

2009/0120(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution. Additional Protocol to the Lisbon Agreement **Subject** 3.70.05 Marine and coastal pollution, pollution from ships, oil pollution 3.70.18 International and regional environment protection measures and agreements	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	ROSBACH Anna (EFD)	08/10/2009
Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	3038	2010-10-19
European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**	
	Environment	POTOČNIK Janez	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
27/08/2009	Legislative proposal published	COM(2009)0436	Summary
07/10/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/12/2009	Additional information		Summary
26/01/2010	Vote in committee		Summary
02/02/2010	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0009/2010	
09/03/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0045/2010	Summary
09/03/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
19/10/2010	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/10/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/10/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
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Committee dossier	ENVI/7/00806

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE430.418	12/11/2009	
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European Commission

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Additional information

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Final act

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Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution. Additional Protocol to the Lisbon Agreement

2009/0120(NLE) - 27/08/2009 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution on behalf of the European Community.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: the European Community is a party to regional agreements on marine pollution, such as the Bonn Agreement, the Barcelona Convention and the Helsinki Convention, which facilitate mutual assistance and cooperation between Member States in this field in the North, Mediterranean and Baltic Seas. After tanker ship Aragon caused a major oil spill off the coast of Madeira in 1990, Portugal initiated the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution (Lisbon Agreement), which creates a mechanism to ensure the cooperation between the Contracting Parties in case of pollution accidents, and obliges them to establish and implement their own emergency structures and plans. It applies to the north-east region of the Atlantic Ocean, defined by the external boundary of the Exclusive Economic Zone of each Contracting State, and by the boundaries of other regional agreements such as the Agreement for cooperation in dealing with pollution of the North Sea by oil and other harmful substances (Bonn Agreement) and the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Barcelona Convention).

The Lisbon Agreement was signed on 17 October 1990 by Portugal, Spain, France, Morocco and the European Community. Although ratification followed by Portugal, France and the European Community, a political dispute over the borders in Western Sahara prevented Spain and Morocco from ratifying the Agreement because of Article 3 (c) on the geographical scope of the Agreement, which stipulated: "to the south by the southern limit of the waters covered by the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Kingdom of Morocco."

After agreement was reached on an Additional Protocol amending Article 3 (c) of the Lisbon Agreement, the Protocol was signed by Portugal, Spain, France and Morocco on 20 May 2008 in Lisbon. The Community was invited to sign the Protocol together with other contracting parties. The Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, of the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution was adopted on 12 December 2008.

The Additional Protocol was co-signed on behalf of the European Community by the Czech Presidency and the Head of the European Commission Representation in Portugal on 25 March 2009.

Accordingly, this draft Decision provides for the Community to conclude the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution.

Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution. Additional Protocol to the Lisbon Agreement

2009/0120(NLE) - 19/10/2010 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, of the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2010/655/EU concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution.

CONTENT: the European Union is a Party to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution approved by Council Decision 93/550/EEC (Lisbon Agreement).

A political dispute over the borders in Western Sahara prevented Spain and Morocco from ratifying the Lisbon Agreement. This dispute has now been resolved by the Additional Protocol to the Lisbon Agreement modifying Article 3(c) thereof.

Following the adoption of the Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, of the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North- East Atlantic against Pollution on 12 December 2008, the Additional Protocol was signed, on behalf of the Community, on 25 March 2009.

By this Decision, the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 19/10/2010. The date of entry into force of the Additional Protocol shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution. Additional Protocol to the Lisbon Agreement

2009/0120(NLE) - 09/03/2010 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution approving the conclusion of the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution.