Basic information

2009/0174(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Awaiting final decision
EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol See also 1995/0132(AVC) **Subject** 6.40.05.02 Relations with the countries of the Great Maghreb and Maghreb **Geographical area** Tunisia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	BROK Elmar (PPE)	22/09/2014
	Shadow rapporteur PANZERI Pier Antonio (S&D)	

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
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		

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner

European External Action Service	MOGHERINI Federica

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
11/11/2009	Preparatory document	COM(2009)0620	Summary
02/12/2009	Additional information		Summary
03/09/2012	Legislative proposal published	10641/2012	Summary
03/07/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/12/2014	Vote in committee		
04/12/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0049/2014	Summary
13/01/2015	Decision by Parliament	T8-0003/2015	Summary
13/01/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2009/0174(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 1995/0132(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 217
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	AFET/8/00038

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE539.613	15/10/2014	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0049/2014	04/12/2014	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0003/2015	13/01/2015	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

Document attached to the procedure	10639/2012	03/09/2012	
Legislative proposal	10641/2012	03/09/2012	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2009)0620	11/11/2009	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2009)0621	11/11/2009	Summary

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

EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

2009/0174(NLE) - 04/12/2014 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Elmar BROK (EPP, DE) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, 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 Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

The committee **recommended that the European Parliament gave its approval** to the conclusion of the Protocol.

EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

2009/0174(NLE) - 13/01/2015 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 568 votes to 55, with 65 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

The European Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the Protocol.

EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

2009/0174(NLE) - 03/09/2012 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude a protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union was signed on behalf of the Union and its Member States on subject to its possible conclusion at a later date

The Protocol should now be concluded.

CONTENT: this proposal invites the Council to adopt a decision concluding the protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the EC and their Member States, of the one part, and Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union was signed on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, give the notification provided for in the Protocol.

The content of the Protocol is in accordance with that proposed by the Commission (*please see the summary of 11/11/2009).*

EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

2009/0174(NLE) - 11/11/2009 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to **conclude** a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: on 23 October 2006 the Council authorised the Commission, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, to negotiate with Tunisia 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 Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the new Member States to the EU.

The Treaty concerning the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union entered into force on 1 January 2007 (AVC/1995/0132).

Pursuant to Article 6(2) of the Act annexed to the Treaty of Accession, the accession of the new Contracting Parties to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement shall be agreed by the conclusion of a protocol to that Agreement.

The negotiations with Tunisia have since been completed to the satisfaction of the Commission. Tunisia marked its agreement in an exchange of letters which was concluded on 25 June 2009.

The accession of the new Member States to the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement is to be agreed 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. This procedure is without prejudice to the Community's own competences.

The text of the protocol negotiated with Tunisia is attached. The most important aspects of the protocol are the provisions for the accession of the new Member States to the EU-Tunisia Association Agreement, and the inclusion of the new official languages of the EU, to take account of the enlargement of the EU.

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

EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

2009/0174(NLE) - 11/11/2009

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PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

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EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

2009/0174(NLE) - 11/11/2009 - Document attached to the procedure

On 11 November 2009, the European Commission adopted the proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

On the same day, the Commission presented a proposal for a Decision on the **signature**, on behalf of the European Community, of this Protocol. Its content is identical to that of this present proposal (please refer to the summary of the initial proposal).

With the present proposal, the Commission proposes that the Council authorises the **signature and the provisional application**, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the agreement between the European Union and Tunisia.