Basic information

2013/0386(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol **Subject** 6.40.03 Relations with South-East Europe and the Balkans **Geographical area** Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	VAJGL Ivo (ALDE)	22/09/2014

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.	
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INTA International Trade		
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		
PECH Fisheries		

Council of the European Union	

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	3294	2014-02-18

European Commission	

Commission DG	Commissioner
Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	FÜLE Štefan

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
11/11/2013	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0780	Summary
11/02/2014	Legislative proposal published	05548/2014	Summary
15/09/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/06/2015	Vote in committee		
16/06/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0188/2015	Summary
08/07/2015	Decision by Parliament	T8-0253/2015	Summary
08/07/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
01/10/2015	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
01/10/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/10/2015	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2013/0386(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p8-a2 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	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/00256

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE554.883	21/04/2015	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0188/2015	16/06/2015	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0253/2015	08/07/2015	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	05547/2014	11/02/2014	
Legislative proposal	05548/2014	11/02/2014	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	10165/2014	04/06/2014	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2013)0778	11/11/2013	
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2013)0779	11/11/2013	
Preparatory document	COM(2013)0780	11/11/2013	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2015/1891
OJ L 279 23.10.2015, p. 0001 Summary

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2013/0386(NLE) - 11/11/2013

PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia 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: on 24 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the FYROM in order to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the FYROM, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

These negotiations started on 18 December 2012, following prior technical consultations with the FYROM on the issue. This country confirmed its agreement with the protocol on 25 October 2013.

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

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is invited to adopt a Decision aiming to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the FYROM, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

N.B.: for the conclusion of a Protocol on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, the Commission proposes that the Council gives its approval, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 101 of the Treaty establishing the EAEC.

Updating of the Protocol: the Protocol has been updated to reflect the 2013 EU Customs Tariff and the **gradual abolition of duties under the SAA**.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2013/0386(NLE) - 11/11/2013 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia 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: on 24 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the FYROM in order to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the FYROM, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

These negotiations started on 18 December 2012, following prior technical consultations with the FYROM on the issue. This country confirmed its agreement with the protocol on 25 October 2013.

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

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is invited to adopt a Decision aiming to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the FYROM, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

N.B.: for the conclusion of a Protocol on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, the Commission proposes that the Council gives its approval, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 101 of the Treaty establishing the EAEC.

Updating of the Protocol: the Protocol has been updated to reflect the 2013 EU Customs Tariff and the **gradual abolition of duties under the SAA**.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2013/0386(NLE) - 11/02/2014 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia 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: in accordance with a Council Decision, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

The conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

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

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is called upon to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Croatia to the European Union.

For further details of the objectives of the Protocol, please refer to the summary of the *initial Commission legislative proposal from 11/11/2013*.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2013/0386(NLE) - 16/06/2015 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the recommendation by Ivo VAJGL (ADLE, SI) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Members called on the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2013/0386(NLE) - 08/07/2015 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 616 votes to 42, with 41 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2013/0386(NLE) - 01/10/2015 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2015/1891 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

CONTENT: by this Decision, the Council approves, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of to the European Union.

In accordance with Council Decision 2014/665/EU, the Protocol has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

It should be noted that the conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1.1.2015.