Basic information

2014/0151(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EU/Iceland agreement: Iceland's participation in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change **Subject** 3.70.03 Climate policy, climate change, ozone layer 3.70.18 International and regional environment protection measures and agreements **Geographical area** Iceland	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	LA VIA Giovanni (PPE)	24/07/2014
	Shadow rapporteur ANDROULAKIS Nikos (S&D) GERBRANDY Gerben-Jan (ALDE)	

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs		

	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy		

Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	3365	2015-01-26

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Climate Action	HEDEGAARD Connie

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
23/05/2014	Preparatory document	COM(2014)0290	Summary
09/01/2015	Legislative proposal published	10883/2014	Summary
26/01/2015	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
27/04/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/05/2015	Vote in committee		
18/05/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0166/2015	Summary
09/06/2015	Debate in Parliament		
10/06/2015	Decision by Parliament	T8-0222/2015	Summary
10/06/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/06/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/08/2015	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2014/0151(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 192-p1 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/8/00453

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	**Committee**	**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Committee draft report		PE549.471	11/03/2015	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0166/2015	18/05/2015	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0222/2015	10/06/2015	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type		**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Document attached to the procedure		10941/2014	18/12/2014	
Legislative proposal		10883/2014	09/01/2015	Summary
European Commission				
Document type		**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Preparatory document		COM(2014)0290	23/05/2014	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		COM(2014)0291	23/05/2014	

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2015/1340 OJ L 207 04.08.2015, p. 0015	Summary

EU/Iceland agreement: Iceland's participation in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

2014/0151(NLE) - 23/05/2014

PURPOSE: conclude an agreement between the European Union and its Member States and Iceland concerning Iceland's participation in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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 Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change entered into force on 16 February 2005 and contains legally binding emission reduction commitments for its **first commitment period, from 2008 to 2012**, for Parties listed in its Annex B. The Union and the Member States ratified the Protocol on 31 May 2002, and agreed to fulfil its commitments under the first commitment period jointly.

Iceland ratified the Protocol on 23 May 2002.

At the Doha Climate Conference in December 2012, all Parties to the Protocol agreed on the Doha Amendment which establishes a second commitment period of the Protocol (**starting on 1 January 2013 and ending on 31 December 2020**). The Doha Amendment amends Annex B of the Protocol, setting out **further legally-binding mitigation commitments** for Parties listed in that Annex for the second commitment period, and amending and further elaborates provisions on the implementation of Parties' commitments during the second commitment period.

The Union, the Member States and Iceland also issued a joint declaration upon the adoption of the Doha Amendment, **expressing their intention to fulfil their commitments in the second commitment period jointly**. The declaration was agreed in December 2012.

The agreement concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments by the Union, the Member States and Iceland in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol should now be formally concluded on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: the Council is called upon to conclude the agreement concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments by the European Union, its Member States and Iceland in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol is hereby concluded on behalf of the Union.

Purpose of the agreement: the agreement with Iceland sets out the terms governing Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments by the Union, its Member States and Iceland.

It does not establish any obligations for the Union or its Member States.

Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment: Iceland's participates in the joint fulfilment on the same basis as that of the Member States. Iceland's emission level, identical to its assigned amount, will relate to Iceland's emissions from gases and sectors covered under the Kyoto Protocol's second commitment period but that are not covered under the EU's greenhouse gas emissions trading system (Directive 2003/87/EC7).

Application of relevant EU legislation to Iceland: as Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, the Union and the Member States are subject to a number of monitoring, reporting and verification requirements under the Kyoto Protocol. For Parties that have agreed to fulfil their commitments jointly, some of this information needs to be submitted jointly. As a consequence, the Commission will require information from Iceland to enable the Union to fulfil its reporting commitments.

Moreover, Iceland will need to participate in the registry system of the Union and its Member States that are relevant for the fulfilment of obligations under the Kyoto Protocol. **This requires Iceland to apply Union legislation that is not applicable to third countries** (including the Parties to the European Economic Area), especially in relation to the monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions as well as with regard to the operation of a registry and the accounting for transactions related to the implementation of commitments of the Union, its Member States and Iceland in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol in line with the terms of joint fulfilment and the internationally agreed rules.

The agreement contains a list of Union legislation that shall be binding upon Iceland. It also provides for a procedure to amend this list, to ensure that Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment and follows the same rules and responsibilities as that of Member States, in line with internationally agreed requirements.

The agreement also provides for the establishment of a Joint Fulfilment Committee, which ensures the effective implementation and operation of the agreement.

Duration and termination of the agreement with Iceland: the draft agreement with Iceland is concluded for a limited time period, until all matters related to the implementation of the second commitment period will have been completed.

In case of a breach by Iceland, or objection by Iceland to amend the list of legal acts with application in Iceland according to this agreement, Iceland will be individually responsible to account for all of its greenhouse gas emissions covered by the Kyoto Protocol, including those under the scope of the EU's greenhouse gas emissions trading system.

Ratification: pursuing the rapid entry into force of the Doha Amendment, before the United Nations climate conference in Paris at the end of 2015, which is to adopt a new legally binding instrument for the period after 2020, the Member States and Iceland will seek to ratify both the Doha Amendment and the agreement concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments by the Union, the Member States and Iceland in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol **not later than February 2015**.

EU/Iceland agreement: Iceland's participation in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

2014/0151(NLE) - 18/05/2015 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety adopted the report by Giovanni La VIA (EPP, IT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one part, and Iceland, on the other part, concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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

The Doha amendment establishes a second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol (KP CP2), starting on 1 January 2013 and ending on 31 December 2020, with legally binding emission reduction commitments according to which the European Union, its Member States and Iceland are jointly committed to limit their average annual greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the years 2013 to 2020 to 80% of their base year emissions (mostly 1990). That commitment was determined on the basis of the total greenhouse gas emissions allowed during the period 2013-2020 under the EU Climate and Energy Package.

Iceland is an Annex I Party to the Kyoto Protocol which met its individual target for the first commitment period. Iceland's emissions have finally decreased by a 2% average over this period.

In 2009, Iceland expressed its intention to jointly fulfil its commitments in a second commitment period together with the EU and its Member States. The Council welcomed this request and concluded that joint fulfilment in the second commitment period should include Iceland.

Iceland is interested in joint fulfilment with the EU and its Member States irrespective of whether it joins the EU or not.

Committee members considered that the Agreement will send a strong signal about the coordinated European efforts to address climate change at international level.

Members believed that the two Council Decisions on the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol and the participation of Iceland in the joint fulfilment of commitments to the Kyoto Protocol need to be ratified in parallel without unnecessary delays and certainly well before the Paris UNFCCC Conference in 2015.

EU/Iceland agreement: Iceland's participation in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

2014/0151(NLE) - 09/01/2015 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude an agreement between the European Union and its Member States and Iceland concerning Iceland's participation in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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 Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change entered into force on 16 February 2005 and contains legally binding emission reduction commitments for its first commitment period, from 2008 to 2012, for Parties listed in its Annex B. The Union approved the Kyoto Protocol by Council Decision 2002/358/EC. The Union and its Member States ratified the Kyoto Protocol and agreed to fulfil their commitments under the first commitment period jointly. Iceland ratified the Kyoto Protocol on 23 May 2002.

At the Doha Climate Conference in December 2012, all parties to the Kyoto Protocol agreed on the Doha Amendment which establishes a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, starting on 1 January 2013 and ending on 31 December 2020. The Doha Amendment amends Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol, sets out further legally binding mitigation commitments for parties listed in that Annex for the second commitment period, amends and further elaborates on provisions concerning the implementation of parties' commitments during the second commitment period.

The Union, its Member States and Iceland expressed their intention, in December 2012, to fulfil their commitments for the second commitment period jointly.

In order to pursue the rapid entry into force of the Doha Amendment, before the United Nations climate conference in Paris at the end of 2015, which is to adopt a new legally binding instrument for the period after 2020, and to underline the commitment of the Union, its Member States and Iceland to enable the legal force of the second commitment period in a timely manner, the Union, the Member States and Iceland should endeavour to ratify both the Doha Amendment and the Agreement not later than the third quarter of 2015.

It is now necessary for the Agreement to be approved on behalf of the Union.

CONTENT: this proposed Decision seeks the consent, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning **Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment** of commitments by the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

For further details of the Agreement, *please refer to the Commission initial legislative proposal dated 23.05.2014.*

EU/Iceland agreement: Iceland's participation in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

2014/0151(NLE) - 23/05/2014 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: conclude an agreement between the European Union and its Member States and Iceland concerning Iceland's participation in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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 Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change entered into force on 16 February 2005 and contains legally binding emission reduction commitments for its **first commitment period, from 2008 to 2012**, for Parties listed in its Annex B. The Union and the Member States ratified the Protocol on 31 May 2002, and agreed to fulfil its commitments under the first commitment period jointly.

Iceland ratified the Protocol on 23 May 2002.

At the Doha Climate Conference in December 2012, all Parties to the Protocol agreed on the Doha Amendment which establishes a second commitment period of the Protocol (**starting on 1 January 2013 and ending on 31 December 2020**). The Doha Amendment amends Annex B of the Protocol, setting out **further legally-binding mitigation commitments** for Parties listed in that Annex for the second commitment period, and amending and further elaborates provisions on the implementation of Parties' commitments during the second commitment period.

The Union, the Member States and Iceland also issued a joint declaration upon the adoption of the Doha Amendment, **expressing their intention to fulfil their commitments in the second commitment period jointly**. The declaration was agreed in December 2012.

The agreement concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments by the Union, the Member States and Iceland in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol should now be formally concluded on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: the Council is called upon to conclude the agreement concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments by the European Union, its Member States and Iceland in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol is hereby concluded on behalf of the Union.

Purpose of the agreement: the agreement with Iceland sets out the terms governing Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments by the Union, its Member States and Iceland.

It does not establish any obligations for the Union or its Member States.

Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment: Iceland's participates in the joint fulfilment on the same basis as that of the Member States. Iceland's emission level, identical to its assigned amount, will relate to Iceland's emissions from gases and sectors covered under the Kyoto Protocol's second commitment period but that are not covered under the EU's greenhouse gas emissions trading system (Directive 2003/87/EC7).

Application of relevant EU legislation to Iceland: as Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, the Union and the Member States are subject to a number of monitoring, reporting and verification requirements under the Kyoto Protocol. For Parties that have agreed to fulfil their commitments jointly, some of this information needs to be submitted jointly. As a consequence, the Commission will require information from Iceland to enable the Union to fulfil its reporting commitments.

Moreover, Iceland will need to participate in the registry system of the Union and its Member States that are relevant for the fulfilment of obligations under the Kyoto Protocol. **This requires Iceland to apply Union legislation that is not applicable to third countries** (including the Parties to the European Economic Area), especially in relation to the monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions as well as with regard to the operation of a registry and the accounting for transactions related to the implementation of commitments of the Union, its Member States and Iceland in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol in line with the terms of joint fulfilment and the internationally agreed rules.

The agreement contains a list of Union legislation that shall be binding upon Iceland. It also provides for a procedure to amend this list, to ensure that Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment and follows the same rules and responsibilities as that of Member States, in line with internationally agreed requirements.

The agreement also provides for the establishment of a Joint Fulfilment Committee, which ensures the effective implementation and operation of the agreement.

Duration and termination of the agreement with Iceland: the draft agreement with Iceland is concluded for a limited time period, until all matters related to the implementation of the second commitment period will have been completed.

In case of a breach by Iceland, or objection by Iceland to amend the list of legal acts with application in Iceland according to this agreement, Iceland will be individually responsible to account for all of its greenhouse gas emissions covered by the Kyoto Protocol, including those under the scope of the EU's greenhouse gas emissions trading system.

Ratification: pursuing the rapid entry into force of the Doha Amendment, before the United Nations climate conference in Paris at the end of 2015, which is to adopt a new legally binding instrument for the period after 2020, the Member States and Iceland will seek to ratify both the Doha Amendment and the agreement concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments by the Union, the Member States and Iceland in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol **not later than February 2015**.

EU/Iceland agreement: Iceland's participation in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

2014/0151(NLE) - 10/06/2015 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 626 votes to 63, with 10 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Parliament gave its consent to conclusion of the Agreement.

EU/Iceland agreement: Iceland's participation in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

2014/0151(NLE) - 13/07/2015 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude an agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning the latter’s participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

NON LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2015/1340 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

CONTENT: the Decision **approves**, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments by the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The text of the Agreement is attached to the Decision.

To recall, the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change contains legally binding emission reduction commitments for its first commitment period, from 2008 to 2012, for Parties listed in its Annex B. The Union and the Member States ratified the Protocol and agreed to fulfil its commitments under the first commitment period jointly. Iceland ratified the Protocol on 23 May 2002.

At the Doha Climate Conference in December 2012, all Parties to the Protocol agreed on the Doha Amendment, which establishes a second commitment period of the Protocol, starting on 1 January 2013 and ending on 31 December 2020. The Doha Amendment sets out further legally-binding mitigation commitments.

The Council, at its meeting on 15 December 2009, welcomed **a request from Iceland regarding a joint fulfilment of commitments with the European Union and its Member States** in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.

The Doha Amendment sets out the targets for the EU, its Member States and Iceland. Upon the adoption of the Doha Amendment, the Union, its Member States and Iceland issued a joint statement of their intention to fulfil their commitments for the second commitment period jointly. The statement was endorsed by the Council on 17 December 2012.

The terms of the agreement to fulfil jointly the commitments of the Union, its Member States and Iceland are laid down in an Annex to Council Decision (EU) 2015/1339.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 5.8.2015.