Basic information

2015/0292(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol See also 2002/0083(AVC) **Subject** 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.15 European neighbourhood policy **Geographical area** Lebanon	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	MĂNESCU Ramona Nicole (PPE)	24/05/2016
	Shadow rapporteur PARGNEAUX Gilles (S&D) BELDER Bas (ECR) DE SARNEZ Marielle (ALDE) HADJIGEORGIOU Takis (GUE/NGL) SMITH Alyn (Verts/ALE) CASTALDO Fabio Massimo (EFDD)	

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
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	3528	2017-03-27

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
European External Action Service	MOGHERINI Federica

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/12/2015	Preparatory document	COM(2015)0641	Summary
22/02/2016	Legislative proposal published	05748/2016	Summary
12/05/2016	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/01/2017	Vote in committee		
07/02/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0027/2017	Summary
02/03/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0057/2017	Summary
02/03/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
27/03/2017	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
27/03/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/03/2017	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2015/0292(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	See also 2002/0083(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 217 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	AFET/8/05334

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE589.287	06/10/2016	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0027/2017	07/02/2017	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0057/2017	02/03/2017	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

Legislative proposal	05748/2016	22/02/2016	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	05750/2016	22/02/2016	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2015)0640	14/12/2015	
Preparatory document	COM(2015)0641	14/12/2015	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2017/0609
OJ L 086 31.03.2017, p. 0001 Summary

EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2015/0292(NLE) - 27/03/2017 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement which establishes an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the the EU.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2017/609 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 Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of Croatia's accession to the European Union.

BACKGROUND: The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, was signed in Luxembourg on 17 June 2002 and entered into force on 1 April 2006.

In the meantime, Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013.

In accordance with Article 6, para. 2 of the Act of Accession of Croatia, the accession of Croatia to the Agreement must be approved by the conclusion of a Protocol to the Agreement between the Council, acting on behalf of the Union and acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and Lebanon.

On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with that Lebanon. The negotiations have been completed and in accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2016/859, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement which establishes an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Lebanon, on the other hand, to take account of Croatia's accession to the EU, was signed on 28 April 2016 on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

The protocol should now be approved.

CONTENT: With this Decision, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Lebanese Republic, of the other part, taking into account the accession of Croatia to the Union, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision shall enter into force on 27.3.2017. The date of entry into force of the Protocol will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2015/0292(NLE) - 07/02/2017 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Ramona Nicole MĂNESCU (EPP, RO) 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 Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

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

EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2015/0292(NLE) - 02/03/2017 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 542 votes to 87, with 19 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 Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

In line with the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2015/0292(NLE) - 14/12/2015

PURPOSE: to conclude on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, 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: the Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, was signed in Brussels on 1 April 2002 and entered into force on 1 April 2006.

Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013.

The Act of Accession of Croatia provides that Croatia shall accede to the international agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States by means of a protocol to those agreements.

On 14 September 20121, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned with a view to concluding the relevant protocols.

The negotiations with Lebanon being successfully concluded, the Commission calls on the Council to adopt the decisions on the conclusion of the Protocol.

CONTENT: the draft Council decision constitutes the legal instrument for conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the draft decision.

EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2015/0292(NLE) - 14/12/2015 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, 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: the Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, was signed in Brussels on 1 April 2002 and entered into force on 1 April 2006.

Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013.

The Act of Accession of Croatia provides that Croatia shall accede to the international agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States by means of a protocol to those agreements.

On 14 September 20121, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned with a view to concluding the relevant protocols.

The negotiations with Lebanon being successfully concluded, the Commission calls on the Council to adopt the decisions on the conclusion of the Protocol.

CONTENT: the draft Council decision constitutes the legal instrument for conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the draft decision.

EC/Lebanon Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2015/0292(NLE) - 22/02/2016 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic 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: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part was signed in Luxembourg on 17 June 2002 and entered into force on 1 April 2006.

Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013.

Under the terms of Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of Croatia, the accession of Croatia to the Agreement is to be agreed by means of a protocol to the Agreement concluded between the Council, acting on behalf of the Union and unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and Lebanon.

On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Lebanon. The negotiations were successfully concluded and in accordance with a Council Decision, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

The Protocol should be approved on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

CONTENT: with this proposal, the Council is called upon to approve, on behalf of the EU, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the draft decision.