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OPINION

of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

for the Committee on International Trade

on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015
(COM(2017)0264 – C8 – 2017/0107(NLE))

Rapporteur: Ivan Jakovčić

PA_Leg_Consent

SHORT JUSTIFICATION

On 19 November 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the Union in order to conclude a new international agreement on olive oil and table olives.

The previous International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2005, which was due to expire on 31 December 2014, was extended until 31 December 2015 but remained applicable until the entry into force of the new Agreement.

The text of the new Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015, was negotiated in consultation with the Working Party on Commodities (PROBA) and was signed on behalf of the Union on 28 November 2016, subject to its conclusion at a later date. It came provisionally into force on 1 January 2017.

The Agreement establishes a decision-making body, called the “Council of Members”, which exercises all powers and performs all the functions necessary to achieve the objectives of the Agreement.

The above mentioned Council of Members may amend the designations and definitions of oils, olive pomace oils and table olives provided for in annexes B and C to the Agreement, and thus amend the Agreement.

The Commission should be authorised to represent the Union in the Council of Members. In order to ensure maximum consistency between the decisions of the Council of Members and the Union rules, the Commission should be assisted by representatives of the Member States.

Notwithstanding the rapporteur’s favourable position towards the negotiated text, he calls upon the Commission, as the representative of the Union in the Council of Members, to take into consideration the following proposal:

- in order to protect the interests of the Union and its olive oils producers, especially with regard to the best quality and high market standards in the olive-oil sectors, the Commission should propose to the Council of Members to amend the Agreement introducing a new “Premium extra virgin olive oil” designation of olive oils. It is essential to highlight that the European Union’s producers are by far the world’s largest producers of olive oil that falls under the aforementioned category.

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development calls on the Committee on International Trade, as the committee responsible, to recommend that Parliament give its consent to the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Title	Conclusion of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015
References	06781/2019 – C8-0134/2019 – COM(2017)0264 – 2017/0107(NLE)
Committee responsible	INTA
Rapporteur Date appointed	Ivan Jakovčić 6.7.2017
Date adopted	18.3.2019
Result of final vote	+: 29 –: 0 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Eric Andrieu, Jacques Colombier, Michel Dantin, Jørn Dohrmann, Norbert Erdős, Luke Ming Flanagan, Karine Gloanec Maurin, Martin Häusling, Anja Hazekamp, Esther Herranz García, Jan Huitema, Peter Jahr, Norbert Lins, Philippe Loiseau, Mairead McGuinness, Ulrike Müller, James Nicholson, Maria Noichl, Marijana Petir, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Tibor Szanyi
Substitutes present for the final vote	Elsi Katainen, Sofia Ribeiro, Giancarlo Scottà, Molly Scott Cato, Thomas Waitz

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ALDE	Jan Huitema, Elsi Katainen, Ulrike Müller
ECR	Jørn Dohrmann, James Nicholson
ENF	Jacques Colombier, Philippe Loiseau
GUE/NGL	Luke Ming Flanagan, Anja Hazekamp
PPE	Birgit Collin-Langen, Michel Dantin, Albert Deß, Norbert Erdős, Esther Herranz García, Peter Jahr, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness, Marijana Petir, Sofia Ribeiro, Czesław Adam Siekierski
S&D	Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Eric Andrieu, Karine Gloanec Maurin, John Howarth, Maria Noichl, Tibor Szanyi
VERTS/ALE	Martin Häusling, Molly Scott Cato, Thomas Waitz

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention