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on the proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of an Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part, with regard to an extension of the period laid down in Article 9(4) of Protocol 2 to the Europe Agreement (12685/2002 - C5-0397/2002 – 2002/0214(CNS))

Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy

Rapporteur: Carlos Westendorp y Cabeza

(Simplified procedure - Rule 158 (1) of the Rules of Procedure)

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
majority of the votes cast
- **I Cooperation procedure (first reading)
majority of the votes cast
- **II Cooperation procedure (second reading)
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend
the common position*
- *** Assent procedure
*majority of Parliament's component Members except in cases
covered by Articles 105, 107, 161 and 300 of the EC Treaty and
Article 7 of the EU Treaty*
- ***I Codecision procedure (first reading)
majority of the votes cast
- ***II Codecision procedure (second reading)
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend
the common position*
- ***III Codecision procedure (third reading)
majority of the votes cast, to approve the joint text

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the Commission)

Amendments to a legislative text

In amendments by Parliament, amended text is highlighted in ***bold italics***. Highlighting in *normal italics* is an indication for the relevant departments showing parts of the legislative text for which a correction is proposed, to assist preparation of the final text (for instance, obvious errors or omissions in a given language version). These suggested corrections are subject to the agreement of the departments concerned.

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PROCEDURAL PAGE

By letters of 30 August and 17 October 2002 the Council consulted Parliament, pursuant to Article 87 (3) (e), and Article 300(2), first subparagraph and (3), first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty, on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of an Additional Protocol to the European Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part, with regard to an extension of the period laid down in Article 9(4) of Protocol 2 to the European Agreement (12685/2002 - 2002/0214 (CNS)).

At the sitting of 21 October 2002 the President of Parliament announced that he had referred this proposal to the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy as the committee responsible and the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy for its opinion (C5-0397/2002).

At its meetings of 26 November 2002, on a proposal from the Chairman, the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy decided to approve the proposal without amendment under Rule 158 (1), thus appointing its chairman rapporteur.

The following were present when the decision on the proposal of the Chairman was taken: Carlos Westendorp y Cabeza, chairman; Yves Piétrasanta, vice-chairman; Jaime Valdivielso de Cué, vice-chairman; Gordon J. Adam, Konstantinos Alyssandrakis, Sir Robert Atkins, Danielle Auroi, Bastiaan Belder, Luis Berenguer Fuster, Ward Beysen, Guido Bodrato, Gérard Caudron, Giles Bryan Chichester, Nicholas Clegg, Marie-Hélène Descamps, Harlem Désir, Concepció Ferrer, Colette Flesch, Christos Folias, Neena Gill, Norbert Glante, Michel Hansenne, Roger Helmer, Philippe A.R. Herzog, Hans Karlsson, Bashir Khanbhai, Dimitrios Koulourianos, Helmut Kuhne, Bernd Lange, Werner Langen, Rolf Linkohr, Caroline Lucas, Erika Mann, Hans-Peter Martin, Eryl Margaret McNally, Bill Newton Dunn, Angelika Niebler, Giuseppe Nisticò, Seán Ó Neachtain, Reino Paasilinna, Paolo Pastorelli, Elly Plooijs-van Gorsel, Samuli Pohjamo, John Purvis, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Imelda Mary Read, Mechtild Rothe, Christian Foldberg Rovsing, Paul Rübig, Konrad K. Schwaiger, Esko Olavi Seppänen, W.G. van Velzen, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Myrsini Zorba, and Olga Zrihen Zaari following Article 1553, paragraph 2 of the Rules of procedure.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy decided on 4 November 2002 not to deliver an opinion.

The report was tabled on 29 November 2002.

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of an Additional Protocol to the European Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part, with regard to an extension of the period laid down in Article 9(4) of Protocol 2 to the European Agreement (12685/2002 - C5-0397/2002 – 2002/0214(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council decision (12685/2002),
 - having regard to Articles 87 (3) (e), and Article 300 (2), first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 300 (3), first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty (C5-0397/2002),
 - having regard to Rule 67, Rule 97 (7) and Rule 158 (1) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy (A5-0414/2002),
1. Approves the conclusion of the Agreement;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission, and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the Republic of Bulgaria.