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## **REPORT**

on the recommendation for a Council decision concerning the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the Convention of 17 June 1998, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on driving disqualifications

(COM(2007)0214 – C6-0155/2007 – 2007/0075(CNS))

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Rapporteur: Genowefa Grabowska

### ***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.)

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## **DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION**

**on the recommendation for a Council decision concerning the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the Convention of 17 June 1998, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on driving disqualifications  
(COM(2007)0214 – C6-0155/2007 – 2007/0075(CNS))**

**(Consultation procedure)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission recommendation to the Council (COM(2007)0214),
  - having regard to Article 3(4) of the Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0155/2007),
  - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0269/2007),
1. Approves the Commission recommendation;
  2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
  3. Calls on the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission recommendation substantially;
  4. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission and to the governments of Bulgaria and Romania.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The 2005 Act of accession of Bulgaria and Romania<sup>1</sup> has introduced a simplified system for the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the conventions (and protocols) concluded by the Member States on the basis of Art. 34 TEU (previously Art. K.3 TEU) or Art. 293 EC.

Annex I to the Act of Accession gives the list of the seven conventions and protocols concerned in the Justice and Home Affairs area, including the Convention of 17 June 1998, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on driving disqualifications.

Taking into account the above-mentioned simplified system, it is not anymore necessary to negotiate and conclude specific accession protocols. To make the Convention enter into force for Bulgaria and Romania, the Council should only adopt a decision determining the date on which the Convention shall enter into force.

This Commission Recommendation for a Council Decision is only intended to make the adjustments required by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the aforementioned Convention, in accordance with Article 3(4) of the Act of Accession.

The rapporteur therefore proposes to adopt the Council decision without amendments.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ 2005, L 157, p. 203.

## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the Convention of 17 June 1998 on driving disqualifications
<b>References</b>	COM(2007)0214 - C6-0155/2007 - 2007/0075(CNS)
<b>Date of consulting Parliament</b>	7.6.2007
<b>Committee responsible</b> Date announced in plenary	LIBE 19.6.2007
<b>Committee(s) asked for opinion(s)</b> Date announced in plenary	TRAN 19.6.2007
<b>Not delivering opinions</b> Date of decision	TRAN 25.4.2007
<b>Rapporteur(s)</b> Date appointed	Genowefa Grabowska 21.5.2007
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