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## **RECOMMENDATION FOR SECOND READING**

on the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain procedures for applying the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part  
(17930/1/2013 – C7-0028/2014 – 2011/0465(COD))

Committee on International Trade

Rapporteur: Iuliu Winkler

### ***Symbols for procedures***

- \* Consultation procedure
- \*\*\* Consent procedure
- \*\*\*I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- \*\*\*II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- \*\*\*III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

### ***Amendments to a draft act***

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## DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

**on the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain procedures for applying the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part (17930/1/2013 – C7-0028/2014 – 2011/0465(COD))**

**(Ordinary legislative procedure: second reading)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Council position at first reading (17930/1/2013 – C7-0028/2014),
  - having regard to its position at first reading<sup>1</sup> on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2011)0938),
  - having regard to Article 294(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to Rule 72 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on International Trade (A7-0116/2014),
1. Approves the Council position at first reading;
  2. Notes that the act is adopted in accordance with the Council position;
  3. Instructs its President to sign the act with the President of the Council, in accordance with Article 297(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;
  4. Instructs its Secretary-General to sign the act, once it has been verified that all the procedures have been duly completed, and, in agreement with the Secretary-General of the Council, to arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
  5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

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<sup>1</sup> Texts adopted of 25.10.2012, P7\_TA(2012)0389.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

A Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part, was signed in Luxemburg on 29 April 2008. It entered into force on 1 September 2013.

With the aim of the efficient application of the SAA, the Commission proposed a Regulation on certain procedures for applying the trade-related parts of the SAA.

This has been previously done for other SAAs and Interim Agreements with the Western Balkans' countries, namely by means of:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2248/2001 (EC/Croatia SAA and Interim Agreement),
- Council Regulation (EC) No 153/2002 (EC/FYROM SAA and Interim Agreement),
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1616/2006 (EC/Albania SAA and Interim Agreement),
- Council Regulation (EC) No 140/2008 (EC/Montenegro SAA and Interim Agreement) and
- Council Regulation (EC) No 594/2008 (EC/Bosnia and Herzegovina SAA and Interim Agreement).

These Regulations were part of the Trade Omnibus I (2011/0039(COD)), aligning trade regulations to the post-Lisbon regime of delegated acts and implementing acts. In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading the rapporteur proposed amendments reflecting the changes proposed to the five above Regulations in Trade Omnibus I. The negotiations on Trade Omnibus I were successfully concluded in July 2013.

The Parliament adopted its first reading position by the plenary on 25 October 2012. Due to its connection with Trade Omnibus I the informal negotiations only started in autumn 2013, under the Lithuanian Presidency. Parliament's and Council's negotiating team reached agreement on the file on 26 November 2013. The agreement took into account the compromise on Trade Omnibus I as well as the entry into force of the EU/Serbia SAA on 1 September 2013.

The outcome of negotiations was presented to the INTA Committee for a vote of approval on 17 December 2013, and approved by an overwhelming majority. On the basis of the committee's approval, the Chairman of the Committee undertook in his letter of 18 December 2013 to the chair of COREPER II to recommend to the plenary to approve Council's position at first reading without amendment. Following legal-linguistic verification, Council adopted its first reading position confirming the agreement on 28 January 2014.

In the view of the above the Rapporteur proposes to approve without amendment the Council position.

## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	Procedures for applying the EC-Serbia Stabilisation and Association Agreement and the EC-Serbia Interim Agreement
<b>References</b>	17930/1/2013 – C7-0028/2014 – 2011/0465(COD)
<b>Date of Parliament's first reading – P number</b>	25.10.2012                      T7-0389/2012
<b>Commission proposal</b>	COM(2011)0938 - C7-0010/2012
<b>Receipt of Council position at first reading announced in plenary</b>	6.2.2014
<b>Committee responsible</b> Date announced in plenary	INTA 6.2.2014
<b>Rapporteur(s)</b> Date appointed	Iuliu Winkler 12.2.2014
<b>Date adopted</b>	13.2.2014
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+:                      25 -:                      1 0:                      0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	William (The Earl of) Dartmouth, Maria Badia i Cutchet, Nora Berra, David Campbell Bannerman, Daniel Caspary, Andrea Cozzolino, George Sabin Cutaş, Marielle de Sarnez, Metin Kazak, Bernd Lange, David Martin, Vital Moreira, Paul Murphy, Cristiana Muscardini, Niccolò Rinaldi, Helmut Scholz, Robert Sturdy, Henri Weber, Jan Zahradil
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Peter Skinner, Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote</b>	Birgit Schnieber-Jastram, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Renate Sommer, Rainer Wieland, Joachim Zeller, Tadeusz Zwiefka
<b>Date tabled</b>	17.2.2014