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Subject: EU - Philippines: Protocol to the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation - Accession of Croatia
- Adoption

1. On 23 July 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, as well as the text of the draft Protocol to the Framework Agreement as set out in docs. 12183/14 + ADD1. At the same date, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol (doc. 12181/14 + ADD1).

2. In accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, the accession of the Republic of Croatia to agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States is to be agreed by means of a Protocol to those agreements.
3. On 8 October 2014, the Council adopted the Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union¹, and decided to request the consent of the European Parliament, on the basis of the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 13085/14.
4. The Protocol was signed on 15 January 2015 in Brussels.
5. Consent by the European Parliament was given on 8 June 2016.
6. The Asia-Oceania Working Party reached agreement on the draft Council Decision in question on 22 November 2017.

¹ OJ L 300, 18.10.2014, p. 3

7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
- adopts as an 'A' item the Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, as contained in J/L document 13085/14, together with the Protocol to the Framework Agreement as contained in J/L document 13082/14 + COR 1 (it) + COR 2 (pt).
8. It is recalled that the Protocol would enter into force on the first day of the month following the date of the deposit of the last instrument of approval, but not before the date of entry into force of the Agreement².
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² Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other, part has not yet entered into force, the procedure provided for in Article 63.1 of the Framework Agreement having not been completed.