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(Acts adopted under the EC Treaty/Euratom Treaty whose publication is not obligatory)

DECISIONS

COUNCIL

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of 15 February 2007

on the signature and provisional application of a Second Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union

(2007/376/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 57(2), 71, 80(2), 133(1), 133(5) and 181 in conjunction with the first sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) thereof,

Having regard to the 2005 Act of Accession [1], and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) On 23 October 2006 the Council authorised the Commission, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, to negotiate with Mexico a Second Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part [2], to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

(2) These negotiations have been concluded satisfactorily.

(3) The text of the Second Additional Protocol provides for the provisional application of the Protocol before its entry into force.

(4) Subject to its conclusion at a later date, the Second Additional Protocol should be signed on behalf of the Community and the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, the Second Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

The text of the Second Additional Protocol is attached to this Decision.

[1] OJ L 157, 21.6.2005, p. 203.
[2] OJ L 276, 28.10.2000, p. 45.

Article 2

The European Community and its Member States shall apply provisionally the terms of the Second Additional Protocol as from the date of its signature, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

Done at Brussels, 15 February 2007.

For the Council
The President
W. SCHÄUBLE