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

DECISIONS

COUNCIL AND COMMISSION

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of 28 June 2007

on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union

(2007/541/EC, Euratom)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

AND THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 44(2), the last sentence of Article 47(2) and Articles 55, 57(2), 71, 80(2), 93, 94, 133 and 181a, in conjunction with the second sentence of Article 300(2) and the first subparagraph of Article 300(3), thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 101 thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania, and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [1],

Having regard to the Council's approval pursuant to Article 101 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

Whereas:

(1) The Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, was signed on behalf of the European Communities and their Member States on 23 April 2007.

(2) Pending its entry into force, the Protocol has been applied on a provisional basis as from 23 April 2007.

(3) The Protocol should be approved,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the European Community, the European Atomic Energy Community and the Member States.

[1] Opinion delivered on 7 June 2007 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision [1].

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, give the notification provided for in Article 3 of the Protocol [2]. The President of the Commission shall simultaneously give such notification on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community.

Done at Luxembourg, 28 June 2007.

For the Council	*For the Commission*
The President	*The President*
S. GABRIEL	José Manuel BARROSO

[1] OJ L 119, 9.5.2007, p. 32.

[2] The date of entry into force of the protocol will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.