

**Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature on behalf of the Community of an additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part, on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products**

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(Submitted by the Commission on 5 March 2002)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133, in conjunction with the first sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part <sup>(1)</sup>, entered into force on 1 February 1998.
- (2) Article 76 the Europe Agreement provides that cooperation in the fields of standardisation and conformity assessment shall seek to achieve the conclusion of agreements on mutual recognition.
- (3) The Protocol to the Europe Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products has been negotiated by the Commission on behalf of the Community.
- (4) Subject to its possible conclusion at a later date, the Protocol to the Europe Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products initialled in Brussels on 10 July 2000 and 5 April 2001 should be signed,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Subject to a possible conclusion at a later date, the President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person empowered to sign, on behalf of the Community, the Protocol to the Europe Agreement with the Republic of Latvia on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 26, 2.2.1998, p. 3.