

**DECISION No 1/2016 OF THE EU-COLOMBIA-PERU TRADE COMMITTEE**

**of 8 February 2016**

**on the approval of the text of the Protocol of Accession  
of Ecuador to the Trade Agreement between the  
European Union and its Member States, of the one  
part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part**

THE TRADE COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part ("the Agreement"), signed in Brussels on 26 June 2012, and in particular Article 329 thereof,

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Whereas:

1. Article 329 of the Agreement lays down the provisions whereby other Member Countries of the Andean Community can become Parties to the Agreement.
2. Ecuador's accession to the Agreement, including the amendments thereto provided for in the Additional Protocol to the Agreement to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union, is to become effective by means of the conclusion of a Protocol of Accession ("Protocol of Accession to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Ecuador", hereinafter, "the Protocol of Accession")<sup>1</sup>.
3. Following the conclusion on 17 July 2014 of the negotiations between the European Union and Ecuador of a Protocol of Accession to the Agreement, the Protocol of Accession was notified to the Trade Committee established under the Agreement on 11 February 2015.
4. In accordance with Article 329(4) of the Agreement, prior to undertaking the internal procedures necessary for the entry into force, the Protocol of Accession negotiated by the European Union and Ecuador must be previously approved by the Trade Committee.
5. However, as specified in footnote 89 of the Agreement, prior approval by the Trade Committee is not required for the lists of concessions set out in Annexes I (Tariff Elimination Schedules), VII (List of Commitments on Establishment) and VIII (List of Commitments on Cross border Supply of Services) resulting from the negotiation between the EU and Ecuador. The Annexes mentioned above correspond to the following Annexes of the Protocol of Accession: Annexes II to V (Market Access for Goods), Annexes IX to XVII (Trade in Services, Establishment and Electronic Commerce) and Annexes XVIII to XIX (Government Procurement).
6. The Parties convened a meeting of the Trade Committee on 8 February 2016 to approve the text of the Protocol of Accession of Ecuador to the Agreement before it can be signed and ratified by the Parties.
7. The Protocol of Accession must be signed and ratified by the Parties, each in accordance with its internal procedures.

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<sup>1</sup> The Decision on the approval of the text of the Protocol of Accession of Ecuador by the Trade Committee is without prejudice to the internal procedures that must be undertaken by each Party for the entry into force of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The text of the "Protocol of Accession to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Ecuador", with the exception of the lists of concessions set out in its Annexes II to V and Annexes IX to XIX is hereby approved by the Trade Committee in accordance with the provisions of Article 329(4) of the Agreement.
2. The text of the Protocol of Accession is set out in the Annex to this Decision.
3. The Protocol of Accession, including the lists of concessions set out in the Annexes listed in paragraph 1, is subject to legal review, signature and ratification by the Parties, each in accordance with its internal procedures.

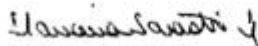
Article 2

This Decision does not create rights or obligations under international law.

Done in Brussels, Bogotá and Lima, on 8 February 2016

*For the Trade Committee*

*On behalf of the Ministry of  
Trade Industry and Tourism of  
Colombia*



*On behalf of the  
Directorate General for  
Trade of the European  
Commission*



*On behalf of the Ministry of  
Foreign Trade and Tourism  
of Peru.*

