

ACTS ADOPTED BY BODIES CREATED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

**DECISION No 1/2017 OF THE EPA COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE INTERIM AGREEMENT
ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR AN ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA STATES, ON THE ONE PART, AND THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES, ON THE OTHER PART,**

of 3 October 2017

**regarding the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union and changes in the list
of countries and territories associated with the European Union [2018/1144]**

THE EPA COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Interim Agreement establishing a framework for an Economic Partnership Agreement between the Eastern and Southern Africa States, on the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other part ⁽¹⁾ ('the Agreement'), signed in Grand Baie on 29 August 2009 and provisionally applied since 14 May 2012, and in particular Articles 63, 67 and 70 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, and the act of accession to the Agreement deposited by the Republic of Croatia on 22 March 2017,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 63 of the Agreement, the Agreement applies, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union applies and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty, and, on the other hand, to the territories of the Signatory Eastern and Southern Africa States ('ESA States').
- (2) Pursuant to Article 67(3) of the Agreement, the EPA Committee may decide on any amending measures that might be necessary following the accession of new Member States to the European Union.
- (3) Article 70 of the Agreement provides that the Annexes and Protocols to the Agreement form an integral part thereof and may be reviewed and or amended by the EPA Committee.
- (4) Following the change of status of Mayotte ⁽²⁾ and Saint-Barthélemy ⁽³⁾, and the entry into force of Council Decision 2013/755/EU ⁽⁴⁾, the list of overseas countries and territories in Annex IX to Protocol 1 to the Agreement should be updated,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Republic of Croatia, as a Party to the Agreement, shall, in the same manner as the other Member States of the Union, respectively adopt and take note of the texts of the Agreement, as well as the Annexes, Protocols and Declarations attached thereto.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 111, 24.4.2012, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ European Council Decision 2012/419/EU of 11 July 2012 amending the status of Mayotte with regard to the European Union (OJ L 204, 31.7.2012, p. 131).

⁽³⁾ European Council Decision 2010/718/EU of 29 October 2010 amending the status with regard to the European Union of the island of Saint-Barthélemy (OJ L 325, 9.12.2010, p. 4).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union ('Overseas Association Decision') (OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p. 1).