



Plenary sitting

A10-0023/2024

4.12.2024

RECOMMENDATION

on the draft Council decision on the accession of the Kingdom of Tonga to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part
(07921/2024 – C10-0055/2024 – 2024/0048(NLE))

Committee on International Trade

Rapporteur: Dariusz Joński

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

**on the draft Council decision on the accession of the Kingdom of Tonga to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part
(07921/2024 – C10-0055/2024 – 2024/0048(NLE))**

(Consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council decision (07921/2024),
 - having regard to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part¹,
 - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 207(4) first subparagraph and Article 218(6) second subparagraph, point (a)(v) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C10-0055/2024),
 - having regard to Rule 107(1) and (4) and Rule 117(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on International Trade (A10-0023/2024),
1. Gives its consent to the accession of the Kingdom of Tonga to the agreement;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of the Kingdom of Tonga.

¹ OJ L 272, 16.10.2009, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2009/729/oj

EXPLANTORY STATEMENT

Given that Tonga classifies as an upper middle-income country and therefore no longer benefits from the Union's Generalised Scheme of Preferences, the accession of Tonga to the interim Economic Partnership Agreement will facilitate its economic growth path by integrating it further to regional and global trade.

Your rapporteur supports the economic integration of the Pacific States and welcomes the accession of Tonga to the iEPA as this will be beneficial for the region as well as for trade relations with the European Union.

**ANNEX: ENTITIES OR PERSONS
FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEUR HAS RECEIVED INPUT**

The rapporteur declares under his exclusive responsibility that he did not receive input from any entity or person to be mentioned in this Annex pursuant to Article 8 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	Accession of Tonga to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, and the Pacific States	
References	07921/2024 – C10-0055/2024 – 2024/0048(NLE)	
Date of consultation or request for consent	19.6.2024	
Committee(s) responsible	INTA	
Committees asked for opinions Date announced in plenary	DEVE 16.9.2024	PECH 16.9.2024
Not delivering opinions Date of decision	DEVE 21.10.2024	PECH 16.9.2024
Rapporteurs Date appointed	Dariusz Joński 30.9.2024	
Discussed in committee	18.11.2024	
Date adopted	3.12.2024	
Result of final vote	+: –: 0:	30 6 0
Members present for the final vote	Manon Aubry, Christophe Bay, Brando Benifei, Lynn Boylan, Anna Brylka, Udo Bullmann, Daniel Caspary, Benoit Cassart, Markéta Gregorová, Céline Imart, Karin Karlsbro, Rudi Kennes, Sebastian Kruis, Bernd Lange, Ilia Lazarov, Miriam Lexmann, Gabriel Mato, Javier Moreno Sánchez, Ștefan Mușoiu, Daniele Polato, Majdouline Sbai, Lukas Sieper, Francesco Torselli, Inese Vaidere, Kathleen Van Brempt, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Catarina Vieira, Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez	
Substitutes present for the final vote	Mika Aaltola, João Cotrim De Figueiredo, Barry Cowen, Borja Giménez Larraz, Cristina Maestre	
Members under Rule 216(7) present for the final vote	Delara Burkhardt, Loránt Vincze	
Date tabled	5.12.2024	

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL BY THE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

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ECR	Daniele Polato, Francesco Torselli
NI	Lukas Sieper
PPE	Mika Aaltola, Daniel Caspary, Borja Giménez Larraz, Céline Imart, Ilia Lazarov, Miriam Lexmann, Gabriel Mato, Inese Vaidere, Loránt Vincze, Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez
PfE	Christophe Bay, Anna Brylka, Sebastian Krus
Renew	Benoit Cassart, João Cotrim De Figueiredo, Barry Cowen, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne
S&D	Brando Benifei, Udo Bullmann, Delara Burkhardt, Bernd Lange, Cristina Maestre, Javier Moreno Sánchez, Ștefan Mușoiu, Kathleen Van Brempt

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The Left	Manon Aubry, Lynn Boylan, Rudi Kennes
Verts/ALE	Markéta Gregorová, Majdouline Sbai, Catarina Vieira

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention