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## Despite Opposition, Greece Adopts EU Agreement on Open Borders <sup>P.7</sup>

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ATHENS — The Greek Parliament adopted the European Union's open-border pact Wednesday, despite a rebellion by opposition deputies and an all-night vigil outside by protesters including many priests and nuns.

Parliament voted 142 to 80 in favor of the pact, which already has seven full members.

The Schengen accord, as the

pact is known, provides for the removal of border controls between EU member states and for increased cooperation in police matters.

About 1,000 protesters, mostly members of religious groups, spent the night outside Parliament yelling religious slogans. They say open frontiers would threaten their country's Christian Orthodox character.