

Basic information	
<p>1999/0070(COD)</p> <p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Development cooperation with South Africa</p> <p>Repealed by 2004/0220(COD) Amended by 2003/0245(COD)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>6.30 Development cooperation</p> <p>Geographical area</p> <p>South Africa</p>	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	DEVE Development and Cooperation		MARTÍNEZ MARTÍNEZ Miguel Angel (PSE)	24/11/1999
	Former committee responsible		Former rapporteur	Appointed
	DEVE Development and Cooperation		FASSA Raimondo (ELDR)	17/03/1999
	Former committee for opinion		Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	BUDG Budgets		WYNN Terence (PSE)	13/04/1999
	RELA External Economic Relations			
	CONT Budgetary Control		WYNN Terence (PSE)	29/03/1999
	Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings
General Affairs		2271	2000-06-13	
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN		2245	2000-02-28	
European	Commission DG		Commissioner	

Commission	Development	
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Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
12/03/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0124 	Summary
12/04/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
21/04/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
21/04/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A4-0249/1999	
05/05/1999	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0400/1999	Summary
14/07/1999	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0335 	Summary
28/02/2000	Council position published	05095/2/2000	Summary
02/03/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
18/04/2000	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
18/04/2000	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A5-0114/2000	
15/05/2000	Debate in Parliament	CRE link	
16/05/2000	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0203/2000	Summary
13/06/2000	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		
29/06/2000	Final act signed		
29/06/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/08/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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European Parliament				
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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0249/1999 OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0008	21/04/1999	

Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A5-0114/2000 OJ C 059 23.02.2001, p. 0005	18/04/2000	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0203/2000 OJ C 059 23.02.2001, p. 0019-0044	16/05/2000	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Council position	05095/2/2000 OJ C 128 08.05.2000, p. 0051	28/02/2000	Summary

European Commission

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Legislative proposal	COM(1999)0124  OJ C 021 25.01.2000, p. 0001 E	12/03/1999	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1999)0335 	14/07/1999	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(2000)0334 	29/02/2000	Summary
Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading	COM(2000)0396 	27/06/2000	Summary

Additional information

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Final act

Regulation 2000/1726 OJ L 198 04.08.2000, p. 0001	Summary
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1999/0070(COD) - 28/02/2000 - Council position

The objective of this proposal is to ensure the continuation of financing activities as provided for in Council Regulation 2259/96/EC of November 1996 after its expiry on 31/12/1999. The budget line of the European Programme for reconstruction and development in South Africa is intended to finance programmes aimed at contributing towards sustainable development, consolidating the foundations for a democratic society and the rules of law, as well as improving the situation of the most disadvantaged groups in South African society. Although the Council followed largely the approach and objectives of the Commission and supported several amendments proposed by the European Parliament, it considered it necessary to make a number of changes to both the substance and the wording of some articles in the proposed regulation. In its common position, the Council has approved the essence and wording of the Commission's proposal with the exceptions relating to: - the legal basis: the legal basis put forward by the Commission in its proposal, namely Article 179 of the EC Treaty is considered by the Council in its common position as being appropriate in view of the aim and the contents of the proposal; - comitology: the Council considers that one committee procedure (instead of the two different ones foreseen in the Commission's proposal) will ensure maximum coordination with Member States activities and thus contribute to necessary complementarity and contribute to a simplified structure. To this end, the Council has modified the threshold for financing decisions to be submitted to the Committee from EUR 5 million to EUR 3 million; - the financial envelope: the financial reference amount has been fixed at EUR 787.5 million, 10% less than the Commission's proposal. In conclusion, the Council considers that its common position constitutes a balanced text to ensure the continuation, after its

expiry on 31/12/1999, of activities financed under Council Regulation 2259/96/EC on development cooperation with South Africa. The programmes financed by the EPRD follow the priorities defined in the framework Agreement on trade, development and cooperation between the EU and South Africa.

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1999/0070(COD) - 14/07/1999 - Modified legislative proposal

On the basis of a report by Mr. Raimondo Fassa, the European Parliament put forward 6 amendments to the Commission's initial proposal. The Commission accepts one of these in full and two in part. It cannot accept the other three amendments. Those amendments that it does accept are designed to ensure a greater coordination and sustainability of programmes undertaken. The amendments which the Commission is unable to accept concerned committee procedures - rejected because clarity and consistency require that uniformity be maintained in matters of comitology; systematic co-ordination in the beneficiary country with the EIB - impractical as the EIB has no permanent representation; and the formalisation of transmission of evaluations and reports to the South African National Assembly, which would create a strange precedent.

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1999/0070(COD) - 29/06/2000 - Final act

PURPOSE: to establish a new co-operation agreement with South Africa, entitled the 'European Programme for Reconstruction and Development in South Africa (EPRD). **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Regulation 1726/2000/EC of the European Parliament and the Council on development cooperation with South Africa. **CONTENT:** The aim of the Community cooperation programme, entitled the 'European Programme for Reconstruction and Development in South Africa (EPRD), shall be to contribute to South Africa's harmonious and sustainable economic and social development, through programmes and measures designed to reduce poverty and encourage economic growth which benefits the poor, and to its continued integration into the world economy, and to consolidate the foundations laid for a democratic society and a State governed by the rule of law in which human rights and fundamental freedoms are fully respected. This will be achieved through support for international targets and policies for sustainable development based on UN conventions and resolutions, thereby contributing to the target of reducing by at least one half the proportion of people living in extreme poverty by 2015. Programmes shall focus on the fight against poverty, take into account the needs of the previously disadvantaged communities and integrate gender and environmental dimensions of development. In all these programmes, special attention shall be paid to the strengthening of institutional capacities. Moreover, development cooperation to be carried out under this Regulation will focus mainly on the following: - support for policies, instruments and programmes aiming at the continued integration of the South African economy into the world economy and trade, for employment creation, development of the private sector, regional cooperation and integration. In particular, special attention will be given to providing support for the adjustment efforts occasioned in the region by the establishment of the free-trade area under the Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement, especially in the Southern African Customs Union. Finally, promotion of mutual general interest cooperation between the European Union and South African businesses may also be considered; - improvement of living conditions and delivery of basic social services; - support to democratisation, the protection of human rights, sound public management, the strengthening of local governments and the involvement of civil society in the development process; - dialogue and partnership between public authorities and non-governmental development partners and actors will be promoted. Financial support under this Regulation will take the form of grants. Triennial indicative programming shall be carried out in the context of close contacts with the South African Government while fully respecting the principle of recipient-led programming. The threshold for submitting projects to the comitology management procedure will be 5 Meuro and the financial envelope is set at 885,5 Meuro. In conclusion, the Commission shall be assisted as appropriate by the geographically-determined committee competent for development. Also, after each financial year the Commission shall submit an annual report on the implementation of the Regulation to the European Parliament and the Council. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** The Regulation shall enter into force on 07.08.2000 and it shall expire on 31.12.2006.

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1999/0070(COD) - 12/03/1999 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend regulation 2259/96/EC on development cooperation with South Africa with a view to adapting and improving support provided by the Community to this country. **CONTENT:** In November 1996, the Council adopted regulation 2259/96/EC on development cooperation with South Africa (see procedure entry SYN95110), referring to a financial amount of 500 MECU for the EPRD (European Programme for Reconstruction and Development in South Africa) from January 1996 to December 1999. This regulation expires on 31/12/99. As a result, the Commission is proposing a new regulation aimed at continuing support to this country, while amending and strengthening certain areas of cooperation: These adaptations relate to the following areas: 1) enhancing the visibility and coherence of cooperation by targeting EU intervention on a limited number of sectors, namely: - support for policies, instruments and programmes aimed at the progressive integration of the South African economy into the world economy, job-creation, development of the private sector, regional cooperation and integration (particular attention will be given to support for the establishment of a free-trade area under the Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and South Africa); - improvement of living conditions and delivery of basic social services; - support to democratisation, the protection of human rights, sound public management, the strengthening of local governments and involvement of civil society in the development process. Programmes shall focus on the fight against poverty, take into account the needs of the previously disadvantaged communities and reflect the gender and environmental dimensions of development. 2) to set up tri-annual programming and regular dialogue with the Member States and the South African government as to the strategy to be followed (the Commission shall draw up a recapitulative strategy paper which shall take account of the results of the most recent overall evaluation of operations financed under regulation 2259/96/EC, and on which the Commission and the committee for the new programme should agree. On the basis of that examination, the Commission will forward to the committee, for information, a tri-annual indicative programme, to be submitted to the South African government for its agreement); 3) to simplify and adapt the procedures for granting Community financing with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of actions undertaken: it is proposed that those activities which are eligible for financing from the budget should be adapted and more clearly defined and that, whenever possible, the usual procedures of partners should be adopted (notably, by following the procedures provided for by the Lomé Convention, of which South Africa is a qualified member), and the decision-making process should be simplified (lightening committee procedure for the financing of actions costing between EURO 5 and 25 million); 4) transferring responsibility for certain decisions, up to now taken in Brussels, to the Commission delegation in South Africa and the beneficiary of the EPRD (in the first instance, contracts will be signed by the South African government); 5) to ensure a more effective management and follow-up of cooperation, by the creation of additional Local Agent posts in the Commission delegation in South Africa and the programming of an annual envelope for technical assistance. It should be noted that, provisionally, in its financial statement, the Commission judges an amount of EURO 875 million to be necessary to cover the cost of this cooperation for the period 2000-2006 - i.e. EURO 125 million per year. EURO 127.5 would be proposed for 1999.

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1999/0070(COD) - 05/05/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting without debate its report, drafted by Mr. Raimondo FASSA (ELDR, I), on development co-operation with South Africa, the European Parliament called for priority to be given to the following : - the improvement of living conditions and the provision of basic social services; - support for democratisation, the protection of human rights, efficient public management, the strengthening of local authorities and the involvement of civil society in the development process. The Parliament does not consider the provision of support to adjustment efforts arising from the creation of a free trade area between the Union and South Africa. Furthermore, the Parliament wants the programme be extended in order to facilitate the gradual integration of the South African economy in the global economy and world trade and for it to focus on job creation and private sector development (including the promotion of mutual general interest co-operation between EU and South African businesses). It is also calling for the funds from the European Programme for Reconstruction and Development to be used to provide additional assistance to regional restructuring occasioned by the implementation of the EU-South Africa Trade, Development and Co-operation Agreement. It emphasises the possibilities for co-financing in cases where a project is designed as a start-up for an open-ended activity, in order to ensure the sustainability of such projects after Community funding has ceased. It also wishes to associate the EIB in the implementation of actions. As far as the triennial programming is concerned, the Parliament is demanding a derogation for programmes, such as the AIDS programme, citing the need for a longer term approach. Lastly, the Parliament wishes to be kept informed of actions that are funded and of their evaluation, and for the South Africa National Assembly also to be involved in this follow-up.

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1999/0070(COD) - 16/05/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

The European Parliament in its second reading adopted the report drafted by Miguel Angel MARTINEZ MARTINEZ (PES, Spain) amending the Council's common position on development cooperation with South Africa. The figure for the financial framework for the Regulation was changed from EUR 787.5 million to EUR 885.5 million. The procedure described in Article 8 would apply to projects of a value of over EUR 5 million rather than 3 million.

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1999/0070(COD) - 27/06/2000 - Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading

The Commission's opinion on the European Parliament's amendments are as follows: - the first amendment which is accepted relates to the threshold for comitology. The Commission is willing to accept the sum of EUR 5 million as an acceptable compromise with which, in the light of programming discussions with South Africa, it can work satisfactorily, so as not to jeopardise the adoption of the Regulation, but insists that this position cannot be taken to set a precedent for the acceptance of low comitology thresholds; - the second amendment accepted by the Commission concerns the additional annual amount for South Africa on the grounds that this amount will be covered by a corresponding reduction of the allocation for "other development co-operation actions" in heading 4.

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1999/0070(COD) - 29/02/2000 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Council and the Commission were both able to incorporate a number of the amendments proposed by the European Parliament, those not included being of less significance in relation to the destination of the Regulation. From this, it can be gauged there is a reasonable common viewpoint on the proposed Regulation. While the Commission considers that in many aspects of the text of the common position improves the initial proposal, and further responds to some of Parliament's concerns, there remain three major points with which the Commission is unable to agree, and on which its position is maintained - programming under Article 6, comitology under Article 8, and the financial reference amount under Article 10. In conclusion, the Commission is unable to support the draft Council common position even though it is otherwise favourable towards other changes made by the Council to the text of its proposal.