

Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	1996/0094(AVC)	Procedure completed
EC/Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement See also 1996/0299(CNS) See also 2004/0089(CNS) See also 2007/0040(CNS) See also 2013/0420(NLE) Subject 6.40.04.04 Relations with Caucasus countries Geographical area Azerbaijan		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		22/02/1996
		PPE LAMBRIAS Panayotis	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	RELA External Economic Relations	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		
	BUDG Budgets		24/06/1996
		PPE MCCARTIN John Joseph	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2184	31/05/1999
	Environment	1990	03/03/1997

Key events			
26/03/1996	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0137	
03/06/1996	Legislative proposal published	05870/1996	Summary
17/06/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/01/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
20/01/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0025/1997	
13/03/1997	Debate in Parliament		

13/03/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0127/1997	Summary
31/05/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
31/05/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/09/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0094(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
	See also 1996/0299(CNS) See also 2004/0089(CNS) See also 2007/0040(CNS) See also 2013/0420(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 044-p1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 071; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 057-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 133; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a2; Euratom Treaty A 101-; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 047-p2-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/4/07928

Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal	COM(1996)0137	27/03/1996	EC	
Legislative proposal	05870/1996	04/06/1996	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0025/1997 OJ C 085 17.03.1997, p. 0004	21/01/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0127/1997 OJ C 115 14.04.1997, p. 0124-0193	13/03/1997	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Decision 1999/614 OJ L 246 17.09.1999, p. 0001 Summary

EC/Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a partnership and cooperation agreement between the Community and its Member States and the Republic of Azerbaijan. **SUBSTANCE:** this is a mixed agreement covering areas for which both the Community and the Member States are competent. It is concluded for an initial period of ten years and comprises the following elements: . establishment of a political dialogue; . provisions covering trade in goods, labour conditions, establishment and operation of companies, cross-border supply of services, payments and capital, competition, intellectual, industrial and commercial property protection, legislative cooperation, economic cooperation, respect for democracy and human rights, cooperation in combating illegal activities and illegal immigration, cultural cooperation and financial cooperation; . human

rights conditionality clause, allowing the agreement to be suspended, even unilaterally, in the event of violation of the agreement's essential elements such as respect for democratic principles, human rights and the principles of the market economy. . The agreement creates an institutional framework comprising a Cooperation Council, a Cooperation Committee and a Parliamentary Cooperation Committee. . The provisions concerning customs cooperation are covered by a separate protocol. . Finally, where trade relations between Azerbaijan and the Community are concerned, the agreement will replace the 1989 agreement on trade and commercial and economic cooperation between the Community and the USSR. ?

EC/Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

The foundations need to be laid for partnership with Azerbaijan, while ensuring that this Caucasian country respected human rights. This was the position taken by the committee, which proposed that the European Parliament assent (by majority vote) to the partnership and cooperation agreements between the European Communities and their Member States and the three Transcaucasian states. The rapporteur, Mr Panayotis LAMBRIAS (PPE, EL) proposed this decision, while highlighting the fact that the situation in the region gave cause for concern and calling on the Union to remain vigilant with regard to respect for human rights in this country. Mr. LAMBRIS also considered that sanctions should be envisaged in the event of failure to respect human rights and called on the European Commission to be extremely vigilant on this matter. The rapporteur justified his call for a positive vote on the partnership agreement by stating that it would help these countries implement the political and economic reform needed in order to come into line with European standards. Some members had stressed the need for a European profile in the Transcaucasian countries, while others had expressed reservations on a positive vote, citing the problems of the recognition of minorities, human rights, what they consider to be the occupation of part of Azerbaijan by Armenia and the "lack of democratic legitimacy" of president Chevarnadze. ?

EC/Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

In adopting the recommendation by Mr Panayotis LAMBRIAS (EPP, GR) Parliament gave its assent to the conclusion of the partnership and cooperation agreement with the Republic of Azerbaijan. ?

EC/Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

PURPOSE : to conclude the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Azerbaijan. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 1999/614/EC, ECSC, EURATOM of the Council and the Commission relating to the conclusion of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the Communities and the Republic of Azerbaijan. It relates to a mixed agreement covering sectors of national and Community competences. CONTENT : The Agreement is concluded for a period of 10 years. The Agreement establishes a political dialogue of the highest level. It includes measures relating to the trade of goods, employment conditions, the setting up and the activities of companies, the benefits of cross-border services, payments and capital, competition, protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property, legal cooperation, economic, financial and cultural cooperation. In addition, the Agreements include respect for the democracy and human rights, cooperation in the field of prevention of illegal activities and the control of clandestine immigration. There is a conditional 'human rights' clause allowing the suspension of the Agreement, even unilaterally, in the case of violation of essential elements of the Agreement, such as the respect for the democratic principles and human rights and the principles of the market economy. The Agreement will be managed by a triple structure : a Cooperation Council, a Cooperation Committee and a Parliamentary Cooperation Commission. The measures relating to customs cooperation are the subject of a separate protocol. This Agreement replaces the 1989 Agreement on trade and commercial and economic cooperation between the European Communities and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01.07.1999.?