

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1996/0098(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/South Korea agreement : framework agreement for trade and cooperation		
Subject 6.40.08 Relations with Asian countries		
Geographical area South Korea		

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed	
	RELA External Economic Relations		22/11/1994	
		ELDR PORTO Manuel		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed	
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		24/04/1996	
		PSE MALONE Bernie		
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		10/03/1997	
		UPE POMPIDOU Alain		
	TRAN Transport and Tourism		25/04/1996	
		UPE VICECONTE Guido		
	PECH Fisheries			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date	
	General Affairs	2338	19/03/2001	
	Telecommunications	1941	27/06/1996	
	General Affairs	1891	04/12/1995	
	General Affairs	1830	06/03/1995	
	General Affairs	1825	23/01/1995	

Key events			
23/01/1995	Debate in Council	1825	
04/12/1995	Debate in Council	1891	
19/02/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/11/1998	Vote in committee		Summary

25/11/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0445/1998	
02/12/1998	Decision by Parliament	COM(1996)0141	Summary
12/01/1999	Debate in Parliament		
13/01/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0014/1999	Summary
19/03/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/03/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/03/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0098(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 133; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 057-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 071; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/08646

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1996)0141 OJ C 188 28.06.1996, p. 0011	27/03/1996	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0445/1998 OJ C 398 21.12.1998, p. 0004	25/11/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0014/1999 OJ C 104 14.04.1999, p. 0037-0059	13/01/1999	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Decision 2001/248 OJ L 090 30.03.2001, p. 0045 Summary

EC/South Korea agreement : framework agreement for trade and cooperation

- OBJECTIVE: Conclusion of a framework agreement for trade and cooperation between the European Community and the Republic of Korea to promote the development of relations between both parties. - SUBSTANCE: The agreement, initialled by the two parties in Brussels on 29 February 1996, is the first agreement of a general nature to be concluded with that country by the Community. It is based on the respect of human rights and democratic principles and aims principally to develop and diversify trade, to establish economic and trade cooperation (including scientific, technological and industrial cooperation) and to promote cooperation between businesses by facilitating investment. The agreement comprises the following elements in particular: . regular political dialogue on all questions of common interest; . trade: granting of

most-favoured nation treatment, improving market access conditions, elimination of non-tariff barriers to trade, measures to develop trade, cooperation in the area of agriculture and fisheries, cooperation in the area of maritime transport (notably to facilitate the conclusion of bilateral agreements on dry and liquid bulk trade) and in shipbuilding; intellectual, industrial and commercial property protection including, notably, protection of copyright (including on computer software), trademarks, designs and models, patents, configuration of integrated circuits, etc.; cooperation in the area of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment; . economic affairs: economic and industrial cooperation including improving contacts between economic operators from the Community and Korea and promoting the understanding of the economic, social and cultural environments of both parties with a view to encouraging investment; . the fight against drugs and money laundering; . science and technology: exchange of information and know-how and cooperation in the field of information technology, notably through the organization of joint seminars and the training of scientists from both parties; . development: establishment of a regular and progressive dialogue on the parties' respective programmes vis-à-vis third countries; . environment: exchanges of information on environmental policy and on environmentally sound technologies, cooperation on joint projects in the area of the environment; . energy: promotion of the market economy in this area, development of renewable sources of energy; . cooperation in culture, information and communication (notably to facilitate cultural exchanges). The agreement provides for a joint committee consisting of representatives of members of the Council of the European Union, representatives of Commission and representatives of the Republic of Korea which shall meet once a year to seek to ensure the proper implementation of the agreement. The agreement includes an evolutionary clause permitting the level of cooperation to be raised. - duration of agreement: the agreement is concluded for a period of five years initially and is tacitly renewable. ?

EC/South Korea agreement : framework agreement for trade and cooperation

The Committee decided unanimously to propose to the plenary the approval of the Framework Agreement for Trade and Cooperation between the EU and the Republic of Korea, as recommended by the rapporteur Mr PORTO (PPE,P) . The Framework Agreement was signed in October 1996 and Parliament was consulted by the Council in February 1997. However, in April of that year, in the wake of the labour unrest in Korea and its suppression by the government, the Foreign Affairs Committee asked the Committee on External Economic Relations, as the committee responsible, to "delay drawing up its report on the Framework Agreement" and called on the committees concerned to "monitor the development of the revision of the labour laws in South Korea".The rapporteur feels that, following the reforms on market access, transparency, good governance, fair competition and human and labour rights, which the Korean government was forced to undertake due to the East Asia crisis, the European Parliament should give a positive signal by approving the draft Framework Agreement on the basis of the following considerations:-the Framework Agreement contains supplementary commitments by Korea with regard to such points of friction as intellectual property and shipbuilding,the human rights clause ensures that the Korean internal situation can be closely monitored, the Committee on External Economic Relations expects the Commission to report back, at regular intervals, on the "sensitive issues", and in particular on intellectual property, shipbuilding and market access.

EC/South Korea agreement : framework agreement for trade and cooperation

Under consultation procedure, the report by Manuel Porto (P, EPP), supporting the approval of the Framework Agreement for Trade and Cooperation between the EU and South Korea was approved by the European Parliament.?

EC/South Korea agreement : framework agreement for trade and cooperation

PURPOSE : to conclude a framework agreement for trade and cooperation between the European Community and the Republic of Korea to promote the development of relations between both parties. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2001/248/EC concerning the conclusion of the framework Agreement for Trade and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Korea, on the other hand of the Framework Agreement for Trade and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Korea, on the other hand. CONTENT : the agreement, initiated by the two parties in Brussels on 29 February 1996, is the first agreement of a general nature to be concluded with that country by the Community. It is based on the respect of human rights and democratic principles and aims principally to develop and diversify trade, to establish economic and trade cooperation (including scientific, technological and industrial cooperation) and to promote cooperation between businesses by facilitating investment. The agreement comprises the following elements in particular: - regular political dialogue on all questions of common interest; - trade: granting of most-favoured nation treatment, improving market access conditions, elimination of non-tariff barriers to trade, measures to develop trade, cooperation in the area of agriculture and fisheries, cooperation in the area of maritime transport (notably to facilitate the conclusion of bilateral agreements on dry and liquid bulk trade) and in shipbuilding; - intellectual, industrial and commercial property protection including, notably, protection of copyright (including on computer software), trademarks, designs and models, patents, configuration of integrated circuits, etc.; - cooperation in the area of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment; - economic affairs: economic and industrial cooperation including improving contacts between economic operators from the Community and Korea and promoting the understanding of the economic, social and cultural environments of both parties with a view to encouraging investment; - the fight against drugs and money laundering; - science and technology: exchange of information and know-how and co-operation in the field of information technology, notably through the organization of joint seminars and the training of scientists from both parties; - development: establishment of a regular and progressive dialogue on the parties' respective programmes vis-à-vis third countries; - environment: exchanges of information on environmental policy and on environmentally sound technologies, cooperation on joint projects in the area of the environment; - energy: promotion of the market economy in this area, development of renewable sources of energy; - cooperation in culture, information and communication (notably to facilitate cultural exchanges). The agreement provides for a joint committee consisting of representatives of members of the Council of the European Union, representatives of Commission and representatives of the Republic of Korea which shall meet once a year to seek to ensure the proper implementation of the agreement. The agreement includes an evolutionary clause permitting the level of cooperation to be raised. The agreement is concluded for a period of five years initially and is tacitly renewable. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01/04/2001.?