

# Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	<a href="#">1996/0151(AVC)</a>	Procedure completed
EC/Uzbekistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement  See also <a href="#">2004/0092(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2007/0044(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2010/0323(NLE)</a> See also <a href="#">2017/0083(NLE)</a>		
Subject 6.40.04.06 Relations with central Asian countries		
Geographical area Uzbekistan		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		05/10/1994
		ELDR <a href="#">ANDRÉ-LÉONARD Anne</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		24/06/1996
		PPE <a href="#">MCCARTIN John Joseph</a>	
	<b>ENER</b> Research, Technological Development and Energy		
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations		19/01/1999
		PSE <a href="#">WIERSMA Jan Marinus</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)</a>	<a href="#">2184</a>	31/05/1999
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1903</a>	26/02/1996

Key events			
26/02/1996	Debate in Council	<a href="#">1903</a>	Summary
05/06/1996	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0254	
12/07/1996	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">07652/1996</a>	Summary
19/07/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/02/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
17/02/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st	<a href="#">A4-0071/1999</a>	

	reading/single reading		
11/03/1999	Debate in Parliament		
12/03/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0199/1999	Summary
31/05/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
31/05/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/08/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0151(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
	See also <a href="#">2004/0092(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2007/0044(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2010/0323(NLE)</a> See also <a href="#">2017/0083(NLE)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 057-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 044-p1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 047-p2-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 071; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 133
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/4/08062

### Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal	COM(1996)0254	05/06/1996	EC	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">07652/1996</a>	12/07/1996	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0071/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 153 01.06.1999, p. 0004</a>	17/02/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0199/1999 <a href="#">OJ C 175 21.06.1999, p. 0416-0432</a>	12/03/1999	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

<a href="#">Decision 1999/593</a> <a href="#">OJ L 229 31.08.1999, p. 0001</a> Summary
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## EC/Uzbekistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

The Council agreed to the Commission's recommendation for the opening of negotiations with Uzbekistan for a partnership and cooperation agreement on the basis of the negotiating directives drawn up in 1992. The Commission's recommendation follows its exploratory talks with Uzbekistan on the basis of the Council conclusions of 12 June 1995 with particular regard to the progress of democratic reforms?

## EC/Uzbekistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

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**OBJECTIVE:** conclusion of a partnership and cooperation agreement between the Community and its Member States and the Republic of Uzbekistan. **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 the Republic of Uzbekistan 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/Uzbekistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

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The Committee adopted without amendment the report by Anne Andre-Leonard (ELDR, B) which gives assent to the proposed Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Uzbekistan.. The Agreement was signed in June 1996 but the Committee had delayed its ratification as it wished to monitor the human rights situation in Uzbekistan. However an interim agreement covering trade matters did enter into force. In view of the attempts by the Uzbek government to improve the human rights situation and to promote democracy, Mrs Andre-Leonard can now give her approval to the agreement, however she wants the situation to be closely monitored. The accord is almost identical to other partnership agreements with countries of the former Soviet Union and lays down the framework for extensive cooperation between the EU and Uzbekistan in many fields (excluding military matters).?

## EC/Uzbekistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

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The Parliament adopted its recommendation, drafted by Ms. Anne ANDRE-LEONARD (ELDR, Belgium), concerning the conclusion of the Partnership and Co-operation Agreement with Uzbekistan. It gave its assent to the proposal for a Council and Commission decision.?

## EC/Uzbekistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

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**PURPOSE :** to conclude the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and Uzbekistan. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Decision 1999/593/EC, ECSC, Euratom of the Council and the Commission relating to the conclusion of of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part. **CONTENT :** the decision aims to allow the conclusion of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the Communities and the Republic of Uzbekistan. It relates to a mixed agreement covering the sectors of national and Community competences. 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 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 Agreement includes 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 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.?