

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1996/0149(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Chile agreement: partnership and cooperation agreement		
Subject 6.40.10 Relations with Latin America, Central America, Caribbean islands		
Geographical area Chile		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	RELA External Economic Relations		23/01/1996
		PSE MIRANDA DE LAGE Ana	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		10/09/1996
		PPE GALEOTE Gerardo	
	BUDG Budgets		
	DEVE Development and Cooperation		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2158	25/01/1999
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	1937	18/06/1996
	General Affairs	1864	17/07/1995
	General Affairs	1844	10/04/1995

Key events			
10/04/1995	Debate in Council	1844	
11/06/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0259	Summary
04/09/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/01/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
28/01/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0023/1997	
24/04/1997	Debate in Parliament		
24/04/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0205/1997	Summary

25/01/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/01/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
16/02/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0149(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 228-p2/3; EC before Amsterdam E 130Y
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/08184

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1996)0259	11/06/1996	EC	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	07885/1996	08/08/1996	CSL	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0023/1997 OJ C 085 17.03.1997, p. 0004	28/01/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0205/1997 OJ C 150 19.05.1997, p. 0015-0036	24/04/1997	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 1999/127](#)
[OJ L 042 16.02.1999, p. 0046](#) Summary

EC/Chile agreement: partnership and cooperation agreement

OBJECTIVE: to conclude a cooperation agreement in order to prepare for future political and economic association between the European Community and its Member States and Chile. **CONTENT:** . main principle: the agreement, which was signed by the parties on 26 April 1996, has been concluded for an indefinite period and seeks to strengthen existing links by fostering the conditions that will lead ultimately to the establishment of political and economic association between the parties. .democratic clause: respect for democratic principles and human rights are an essential element of this agreement; . main elements: - regular political dialogue: this will take the form of regular meetings at the highest level between the various authorities in Chile and the European Union (e.g. President of Chile and Presidency of the European Union). An Annex defines how this dialogue will be conducted; - commercial aspects: strengthening of relations in order to promote and diversify trade and prepare for progressive liberalization of trade at a later date. The agreement should create conditions conducive to the establishment of political and economic association, in conformity with WTO rules and with due allowance for the sensitivity of certain products. Economic and commercial dialogue has been included in order to strengthen this cooperation. Provision has been made for cooperation on standardization, accreditation, certification, metrology and conformity evaluation, customs, temporary importation of goods, statistics, intellectual property and public procurement; - economic aspects: the parties undertake, in their mutual interest, to expand their economies by cultivating synergies in productive activities, creating new opportunities and increasing economic competitiveness. Cooperation will be as broad-based as possible, without excluding any sector a priori, and will focus in particular on conserving the environment and promoting the fundamental social rights of the parties. There are therefore provisions regarding industrial and business cooperation, cooperation on services, investment promotion, scientific and technical cooperation, especially in the fields of energy, transport, telecommunications, environmental protection and agriculture; - other fields of cooperation: the agreement includes provisions seeking to improve cooperation on social development, regional integration, public administration, institutional matters, communications, information and culture, training and education, drug trafficking, consumer protection and maritime fisheries. Triangular cooperation is also foreseen as a means of promoting cooperation with third countries in areas of common interest. Provision has been made for a joint declaration on interregional economic cooperation, mainly within MERCOSUR and for an open-ended clause so that the scope of cooperation can be extended as and when necessary; - resources for cooperation: the parties undertake to make sufficient resources available to implement this agreement (EIB to be encouraged to step up investments in Chile). - implementation of the agreement: a Joint Council for the framework cooperation agreement has been set up in order to supervise the implementation of the agreement. This Council will meet at ministerial level at regular intervals. The Council will be assisted by a joint

committee in charge of commercial matters and a joint sub-committee in charge of ensuring that commercial targets are met. Provision has also been made for dialogue at parliamentary level and a joint declaration.?

EC/Chile agreement: partnership and cooperation agreement

The objective of the report by Mrs MIRANDA DE LAGE (PSE, ES) on the conclusion of the framework cooperation agreement between the European Union and Chile, adopted unanimously by the committee, was to strengthen links with Chile. The agreement takes the form of a good programme of work leading ultimately to discussions on the establishment of a proper free-trade zone between the European Union and Chile. Given its undisputed political importance, the committee therefore recommended that Parliament approve the agreement.?

EC/Chile agreement: partnership and cooperation agreement

Adopting the report by Mrs Ana MIRANDA DE LAGE (PSE, E), the European Parliament approved the conclusion of the agreement between the European Union and Chile.?

EC/Chile agreement: partnership and cooperation agreement

PURPOSE: the conclusion of the Framework Co-operation Agreement leading ultimately to the establishment of a political and economic association between the European Community and Chile. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 127/1999/EC concerning the conclusion of the Framework Co-operation Agreement leading ultimately to the establishment of a political and economic association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part. CONTENT: The agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and seeks to strengthen the existing links between the parties by fostering the conditions that will lead ultimately to the establishment of a political and economic association between the European Community and its Member States and Chile. Respect for democratic principles and fundamental human rights are an essential element of this agreement. The main aspects of the agreement are as follows: - establishment of regular political dialogue - a Joint Declaration that is annexed defines how this will be conducted; - commercial aspects: promotion and diversification of trade, preparation for progressive and reciprocal liberalisation of trade and creating conditions conducive to the eventual establishment of a political and economic association, in conformity with WTO rules and with due allowance for the sensitivity of certain products, co-operation on standardisation, accreditation, certification, metrology and conformity evaluation, co-operation on customs, statistics, intellectual property and public procurement; - economic aspects: the Parties undertake to consolidate and expand all areas of economic co-operation by cultivating synergies in productive activities, creating new opportunities and increasing economic competitiveness. Economic co-operation shall be as broad-based as possible, without excluding any sector, a priori, and shall focus, in particular, on conserving the environment and promoting fundamental social rights in Chile. There are also provisions regarding industrial and business co-operation, co-operation on services, investment promotion, scientific and technological co-operation, especially in the fields of energy, transport, telecommunications, environmental protection and agriculture; - other fields of co-operation: social development, public administration, information, communication and culture, training and education, consumer protection, drug trafficking, and regional integration. Triangular co-operation is also foreseen as a means for promoting equitable and sustainable development with other countries in areas and sectors of mutual interest. To attain the co-operation aims set out in the Agreement, the Parties undertake to make available, within the limit of their abilities and through their own channels, the appropriate resources, including financial resources. They shall call on the EIB to step up activities in Chile. A Joint Council shall supervise the implementation of this Agreement. It shall meet at ministerial level periodically and whenever circumstances require. A Joint Committee, composed of Members of the Council of the EU and Members of the Commission, on the one hand, and of Chilean representatives, on the other, will assist the Joint Council in the performance of its duties. A Joint Subcommittee on Trade will ensure that the trade-related objectives in the Agreement are fulfilled. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.01.1999.?