


# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">1996/0299(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
EC/Azerbaijan interim agreement		
See also <a href="#">1996/0094(AVC)</a>		
Subject 6.40.04.06 Relations with central Asian countries		
Geographical area Azerbaijan		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations		25/02/1997
		PPE <a href="#">SCHWAIGER Konrad K.</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
Council of the European Union	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		
	<b>ENER</b> Research, Technological Development and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Research	<a href="#">2123</a>	13/10/1998

Key events			
27/11/1996	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0613	
14/10/1997	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">05467/1997</a>	Summary
15/06/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/07/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
22/07/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0287/1998</a>	
18/09/1998	Debate in Parliament		
18/09/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0534/1998	Summary
13/10/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
13/10/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		

22/10/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/0299(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also <a href="#">1996/0094(AVC)</a>
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 000
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/09403

Documentation gateway					
Initial legislative proposal		COM(1996)0613	27/11/1996	EC	
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">05467/1997</a>	14/10/1997	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0287/1998</a> <a href="#">OJ C 313 12.10.1998, p. 0007</a>	22/07/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0534/1998 <a href="#">OJ C 313 12.10.1998, p. 0230-0246</a>	18/09/1998	EP	Summary

Final act
<a href="#">Decision 1998/588</a> <a href="#">OJ L 285 22.10.1998, p. 0001</a> Summary

## EC/Azerbaijan interim agreement

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of an interim agreement between the Community and the Republic of Azerbaijan on trade and trade-related measures. SUBSTANCE: the proposal concerns the conclusion of an interim agreement providing for provisional implementation of the part of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement on trade and trade-related measures initialled in Brussels on 20 September 1996 between the Communities and Azerbaijan. The agreement is concluded for a period ending with the entry into force of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. As far as Azerbaijan is concerned, it replaces the relevant provisions of the Agreement on Trade and Commercial and Economic Cooperation signed on 18 December 1989 between the Communities and the USSR.?

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The Committee unanimously adopted the report by Mr Schwaiger, thereby recommending that Parliament give its assent to the interim agreement between the EU and the Republic of Azerbaijan on trade and trade-related matters. On 22nd April 1996 the EC and Azerbaijan signed a partnership and cooperation agreement to which the European Parliament gave its assent on 13th March 1997. As the partnership agreement falls within the province of both the European Union and the Member States, and as national ratification procedures are relatively protracted, the Commission has negotiated an interim agreement on trade and trade-related measures which brings into force that part of the partnership agreement which falls within the exclusive competence of the Union. The interim agreement basically encapsulates certain provisions of the partnership and cooperation agreement: -the general principles, and in particular the democracy clause, -provisions relating to trade in goods, -payments, competition and other economic provisions, -various institutional, general and final provisions, In addition, the interim agreement provides for: -the implementation of customs cooperation between the EU and Azerbaijan on the basis of a protocol annexed to the agreement, -an indicative list of advantages granted by the Republic of Azerbaijan to the independent states of the former USSR, -a list of the intellectual, industrial and commercial property conventions with which Azerbaijan will have to comply by the end of the fifth year after the entry into force of the agreement, and a unilateral declaration by the Republic of Azerbaijan concerning the protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property rights.?

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Adopting the report by Mr Konrad K. SCHWAIGER (PPE, D), the European Parliament gave its assent to the interim agreement between the EU and the Republic of Azerbaijan on trade and trade-related matters pending the entry into force of the partnership and cooperation agreement signed on 22 April 1996.?

## EC/Azerbaijan interim agreement

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PURPOSE: conclusion of an interim agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the Community and the Republic of Azerbaijan.

COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 98/588/EC on the conclusion by the European Community of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, the ECSC and EURATOM, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part. CONTENT: the Interim Agreement allows the provisional application of the trade section and related measures of the Partnership

and Cooperation Agreement signed in Brussels on the 20th September 1996 between the Communities and Azerbaijan. The Interim Agreement is to be applied pending the entry into force of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. For Azerbaijan, it replaces the trade provisions of the Trade and Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement signed on the 18/12/89 between the Communities and the USSR.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Interim Agreement will enter into force as soon as all of the necessary procedures have been implemented.?