

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">1997/0229(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
EC/Yemen relations: cooperation agreement		
Subject 6.40.05.06 Relations with the countries of the Middle East		
Geographical area Yemen		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation		19/06/1997
		GUE/NGL <a href="#">PETTINARI Luciano</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		22/07/1997
		PSE <a href="#">MALONE Bernie</a>	
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations		07/10/1997
		PPE <a href="#">HABSBURG-LOTHRINGEN Karl</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2070</a>	23/02/1998
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2047</a>	24/11/1997
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2041</a>	10/11/1997
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1989</a>	24/02/1997

Key events			
08/09/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0435	Summary
04/12/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/01/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
06/01/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0007/1998</a>	
29/01/1998	Debate in Parliament		

29/01/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0055/1998	Summary
23/02/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
23/02/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/03/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	1997/0229(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 113; EC before Amsterdam E 130Y; EC before Amsterdam E 228-p2/3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	DEVE/4/09574

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1997)0435 <a href="#">OJ C 317 18.10.1997, p. 0005</a>	08/09/1997	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0007/1998</a> <a href="#">OJ C 056 23.02.1998, p. 0003</a>	06/01/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0055/1998 <a href="#">OJ C 056 23.02.1998, p. 0013-0035</a>	29/01/1998	EP	Summary

### Additional information

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

<a href="#">Decision 1998/189</a> <a href="#">OJ L 072 11.03.1998, p. 0017</a> Summary
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## EC/Yemen relations: cooperation agreement

**OBJECTIVE:** conclusion of a cooperation agreement between the Community and Yemen. **SUBSTANCE:** The Agreement, initialled by the Community and Yemen on 24 February 1997, is based on respect of democratic principles and human rights. It is of a purely Community character (first pillar) in which the identity of Yemen as an Arab state is clearly set out. It is a non-preferential Agreement providing for most-favoured-nation treatment. It makes no reference to CFSP issues and makes no provision for a financial protocol. With regard to justice and home affairs (aspects relating to the fight against drugs, and money laundering) emphasis is placed on action within the limits of competence of the Community and Yemen. Projects specifically targeted at the most disadvantaged groups of the population are based on respect of human rights and will be aimed at achieving sustainable development. The various fields of cooperation addressed by the Agreement are: . trade cooperation; . development cooperation: increased importance is attached to the reduction of poverty and population growth with a view to maintaining sustainable economic and social development; . economic cooperation: provision is made for closer cooperation (one article provides for the establishment of a regular dialogue on macro-economic policy); . cooperation in the fields of the environment, culture, science, the development of social and human resources, tourism and regional cooperation; . financial cooperation. The Agreement also contains an evolutive clause for the expansion, if necessary, of the scope of cooperation. Regarding the institutional aspects, the Agreement establishes a Joint Cooperation Committee to set the priorities of the Agreement and ensure its proper functioning. ?

## EC/Yemen relations: cooperation agreement

The Committee has adopted a report by Mr Luciano PETTINARI (EUL/NGL, I), thereby endorsing the cooperation agreement between the EU and Yemen. As regards trade, the agreement grants Yemen most-favoured-nation status. In addition, it provides for cooperation in the spheres of economic development, the environment, culture, science and the development of social and human resources, as well as financial cooperation. The rapporteur believes it is important to support the democratisation process under way in Yemen and to strengthen political ties between the EU and Yemen.?

## EC/Yemen relations: cooperation agreement

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In adopting the report by Mr Luciano PETTINARI (GUE/NGL, I), the European Parliament approved the conclusion of the cooperation agreement between the European Community and Yemen.?

## EC/Yemen relations: cooperation agreement

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**OBJECTIVE:** to conclude a cooperation agreement between the Community and Yemen. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Decision 98/189/EC concerning the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Yemen. **SUBSTANCE:** The Agreement is based on respect for the principles of democracy and human rights. It is purely a Community agreement, and clearly reflects Yemen's identity as an Arab country. CFSP issues are not referred to, and no financial protocol is envisaged. It is a non-preferential agreement providing for most-favoured nation status. As regards justice and home affairs (aspects of anti-drugs policy and money laundering), the emphasis is on action within the limits of the competences of the Community and Yemen. The actions specifically targeted at the most disadvantaged sections of the population are based on respect for human rights and will seek to attain sustainable development. The various fields of cooperation with which the agreement deals are as follows: .trade cooperation; .development cooperation: greater importance is assigned to reducing poverty and population growth in order to maintain sustainable socio-economic development; .economic cooperation: enhanced cooperation is planned (in particular, one paragraph provides for the initiation of regular dialogue about macroeconomic policy); .cooperation in the fields of environment, culture, science, development of social and human resources, tourism and regional cooperation; .financial cooperation. The agreement includes an evolutive clause whereby the fields of cooperation to which it applies may be extended. It also incorporates a joint declaration providing for enhanced cooperation with regard to the readmission of citizens who find themselves in an irregular situation in the territory of a Member State. In the institutional field, the agreement establishes a joint cooperation committee to set priorities under the agreement and ensure its proper application. Parliamentary cooperation is also provided for. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** the agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and will enter into force when the parties have completed all the necessary procedures.?