


Procedure file

| Basic information | | |
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| CNS - Consultation procedure Decision | 1998/0199(CNS) | Procedure completed |
| EC/Pakistan agreement: cooperation agreement | | |
| Subject 6.40.08 Relations with Asian countries | | |
| Geographical area Pakistan | | |

| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense | | 14/04/2004 |
| | | PPE-DE BROK Elmar | |
| | Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs | | 20/02/2002 |
| | | ELDR LUDFORD Baroness Sarah | |
| | ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy | | 24/01/2002 |
| | | PSE BERENQUER FUSTER Luis | |
| | DEVE Development and Cooperation | | 23/01/2002 |
| | | EDD SANDBÆK Ulla Margrethe | |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | Meeting | Date |
| | Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) | 2579 | 29/04/2004 |
| | General Affairs | 2206 | 11/10/1999 |
| | General Affairs | 1943 | 15/07/1996 |
| | General Affairs | 1922 | 13/05/1996 |
| European Commission | Commission DG | Commissioner | |
| | External Relations | | |

| Key events | | | |
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| 19/11/1996 | Additional information | | Summary |
| 01/12/1998 | Initial legislative proposal published | COM(1998)0357 | |
| 18/06/1999 | Legislative proposal published | 08108/1999 | Summary |

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| 13/12/2001 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 14/04/2004 | Vote in committee | | |
| 14/04/2004 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A5-0275/2004 | |
| 21/04/2004 | Debate in Parliament |  | |
| 22/04/2004 | Decision by Parliament | T5-0365/2004 | Summary |
| 29/04/2004 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 29/04/2004 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 23/12/2004 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

Technical information

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| Procedure reference | 1998/0199(CNS) |
| Procedure type | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| Procedure subtype | International agreement |
| Legislative instrument | Decision |
| Legal basis | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 181; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 133 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | AFET/4/11374 |

Documentation gateway

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| Initial legislative proposal | COM(1998)0357 OJ C 017 22.01.1999, p. 0006 | 01/12/1998 | EC | |
| Legislative proposal | 08108/1999 | 18/06/1999 | CSL | Summary |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A5-0275/2004 | 14/04/2004 | EP | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | T5-0365/2004 OJ C 104 30.04.2004, p. 0746-0988 E | 22/04/2004 | EP | Summary |

Additional information

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| European Commission | EUR-Lex |
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Final act

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| Decision 2004/870 OJ L 378 23.12.2004, p. 0022-0036 Summary |
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EC/Pakistan agreement: cooperation agreement

PREVIOUS COMMUNITY LEGISLATION: Agreement for commercial economic and development cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, signed on 23 July 1985. It entered into force on 1 May 1986 and was concluded for a period of five years, tacitly renewable from year to year if neither contracting party denounced it six months before the date of expiry.

PREVIOUS POSITION OF EP: In its resolution of 22 April 1994 on economic and trade relations between the European Community and

Pakistan, the European Parliament recalled that respect for human rights and democratic principles were the basic tenets for cooperation between the EC and third countries.

EC/Pakistan agreement: cooperation agreement

OBJECTIVE: to conclude a cooperation agreement between the Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. **CONTENTS:** the draft agreement is based on the tenets of human rights and democratic principles. It is a non-preferential agreement with no financial protocol and seeks mainly to improve and develop the various aspects of economic and commercial cooperation through dialogue and partnership. The main objectives of the draft agreement are the promotion of investment and economic and cultural links between the Community and Pakistan and support for Pakistan's efforts to achieve overall, lasting social and economic development, especially in the least-favoured sections of the population. The main elements are as follows: - trade: the parties are required to ensure that their trade policy complies with the rules of the CMO and to inform each other of the opening of antidumping procedures; provisions have been included to extend and diversify trade. There are plans for Pakistan to join a series of international conventions on intellectual property once the agreement has been applied for 5 years; - development: projects are planned with a view to strengthening cooperation in the following sectors: health and education, social welfare, better opportunities for women, environmental rehabilitation and rural development, the objective being to help the least-favoured sections of the population. Priority will be granted to controlling drugs and combatting AIDS. Specific provisions are planned with a view to strengthening cooperation in the field of the environment by promoting permanent development in the economic sector by supporting trade and developing the economic climate in Pakistan. Other provisions concern industry and services, agriculture, tourism, energy, sciences and technology. Plans have also been made to promote regional cooperation, develop human resources, strengthen cultural links and combat money laundering. The draft agreement establishes a mixed committee of members in senior positions both in the European Union and in Pakistan. It will meet once a year in order to ensure that the agreement is being applied properly and establish priorities for action. The draft agreement contains an evolutive clause which allows the level of cooperation to be increased. It has been concluded for an initial period of five years, tacitly renewable. It should be noted that the draft agreement contains two annexed declarations, one on non-performance of the agreement (in the event of substantial violation of the agreement, which may result in unilateral measures being taken) and another defining intellectual, industrial and commercial property for the purposes of the agreement. A joint declaration on the re-admission of illegal immigrants is attached to the agreement but is not an integral part of it. This declaration seeks to detail Pakistan's undertaking to start negotiations in this field with the Member States of the European Union who so request.?

EC/Pakistan agreement: cooperation agreement

By adopting the report by Elmar BROK (EPP-ED, D), the European Parliament accepted the position by the committee responsible and approves the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Partnership and Development. However, the Parliament asks the Commission to present to Parliament one year after the entry into force of the agreement a report on its implementation and on its effect on human rights and democratisation and, should there be no improvement in human rights and democracy, to consider what steps are necessary.?

EC/Pakistan agreement: cooperation agreement

PURPOSE : to conclude the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2004/870/EC.

CONTENT : the Council approved the conclusion of a Co-operation Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Signed in Islamabad in November 2001, the Agreement will enable the EU to better and more closely engage with Pakistan in a structured fashion on issues of bilateral, regional and international importance.

An EU-Pakistan Joint Commission, meeting normally once a year, will be established to oversee implementation of the Agreement.

The Agreement is based on the respect for human rights and democratic principles as laid down in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights underpins the domestic and international policies of the Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and constitutes an essential element of this Agreement.

The principal objectives of this Agreement are to enhance and develop, through dialogue and partnership, the various aspects of cooperation between the Parties in the areas which fall within the bounds of their respective competences, with the following aims:

- to secure the conditions for and to promote the increase and development of two-way trade between the Parties in accordance with the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation (WTO);
- to support Pakistan's efforts for comprehensive and sustainable development, including economic and social development policies which take account of the poor and disadvantaged sections of its population, particularly women in these sections, as well as sustainable management of natural resources;
- to promote investment and economic, technical and cultural links in their mutual interest;
- to build Pakistan's economic capability to interact more effectively with the Community.

The main elements are as follows:

- trade: the parties are required to ensure that their trade policy complies with the rules of the CMO and to inform each other of the opening of antidumping procedures; provisions have been included to extend and diversify trade. There are plans for Pakistan to join a series of international conventions on intellectual property once the agreement has been applied for 5 years;
- development: projects are planned with a view to strengthening cooperation in the following sectors: health and education, social welfare, better opportunities for women, environmental rehabilitation and rural development, the objective being to help the least-favoured sections of

the population.

Priority will be granted to controlling drugs and combatting AIDS.

Specific provisions are planned with a view to strengthening cooperation in the field of the environment by promoting permanent development in the economic sector by supporting trade and developing the economic climate in Pakistan. Other provisions concern industry and services, agriculture, tourism, energy, sciences and technology. Plans have also been made to promote regional cooperation, develop human resources, strengthen cultural links and combat money laundering. The Agreement establishes a mixed committee of members in senior positions both in the European Union and in Pakistan. It will meet once a year in order to ensure that the agreement is being applied properly and establish priorities for action.

The Agreement contains an evolutive clause which allows the level of cooperation to be increased.

It has been concluded for an initial period of five years, tacitly renewable. It should be noted that the Agreement contains two annexed declarations, one on non-performance of the agreement (in the event of substantial violation of the agreement, which may result in unilateral measures being taken) and another defining intellectual, industrial and commercial property for the purposes of the agreement. A joint declaration on the re-admission of illegal immigrants is attached to the agreement but is not an integral part of it. This declaration seeks to detail Pakistan's undertaking to start negotiations in this field with the Member States of the European Union who so request.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Parties notify each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose. This Agreement is concluded for a period of five years. It shall be automatically renewed on a yearly basis unless one of the Parties renounces it at least six months before its expiry date.