

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1999/0086(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Bangladesh agreement: cooperation agreement on partnership and development		
Subject 6.40.08 Relations with Asian countries		
Geographical area Bangladesh		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation		27/07/1999
		ELDR <a href="#">VAN DEN BOS Bob</a>	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>ITRE</b> Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		19/09/2000
		V/ALE <a href="#">MAES Nelly</a>	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2331</a>	26/02/2001
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2246</a>	22/05/2000
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1943</a>	15/07/1996
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1922</a>	13/05/1996

Key events			
09/04/1999	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0155	Summary
18/04/2000	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">07595/1/1999</a>	Summary
07/07/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/11/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
21/11/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0360/2000</a>	
16/01/2001	Debate in Parliament		
17/01/2001	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0018/2001</a>	Summary

26/02/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/02/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/04/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	1999/0086(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	DEVE/5/12940

### Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(1999)0155</a> <a href="#">OJ C 143 21.05.1999, p. 0008</a>	09/04/1999	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">07595/1/1999</a>	18/04/2000	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0360/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 232 17.08.2001, p. 0008</a>	21/11/2000	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T5-0018/2001</a> <a href="#">OJ C 262 18.09.2001, p. 0079-0141</a>	17/01/2001	EP	Summary

### Final act

[Decision 2001/332](#)  
[OJ L 118 27.04.2001, p. 0047](#) Summary

## EC/Bangladesh agreement: cooperation agreement on partnership and development

**PURPOSE** : to conclude the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the People's Republic of Bangladesh. **CONTENT** : this agreement is concluded for a period of 5 years. It shall automatically be renewed on a yearly basis unless one of the Parties announces its intention not to do so at least 6 months before its expiry date. The agreement will be an advanced framework cooperation agreement with an emphasis on development aid and economic cooperation in the broadest sense of the term. It deals with a framework cooperation agreement which includes the strengthening and diversification of economic and commercial relations, cooperation to promote the country's development, especially for the poorest sections of the population, with particular emphasis on women, and the promotion of environmental protection. Actions specifically targeting the poorest sections of the population will be founded on respect for human rights and democratic principles and will seek to achieve sustainable development. The body of the Agreement will contain provisions on the various fields of cooperation and cover: 1) development cooperation and the combat against poverty (which consists of the combat against drugs and AIDS); 2) trade and commercial cooperation which within the bounds of their respective competences the Parties are committed to conduct trade in accordance with the Agreement establishing the WTO (to work towards the elimination of barriers to trade, the timely removal of non-tariff barriers, the expansion of diversification of trade between them, improving market access and cooperation and simplification of customs procedures); 3) environmental cooperation; 4) economic cooperation towards the creation of a creative competitive economic environment and to promote commercial exchanges and investments. Other areas of cooperation are also included such as the regional cooperation, the cooperation in science and technology, human resource development culture, etc. The Agreement also involves an evolutive clause which allows the Parties to expand this Agreement with a view to enhancing the level of cooperation and to add to it by means of agreements on specific sectors or activities. In addition, a Joint Commission will be set up to ensure the proper functioning of and implementation of the Agreement. Furthermore, the Joint Commission may also set up specialised subgroups to assist in the performance of its tasks. It is worth noting that 2 annexes exist, the first concerning intellectual, industrial and commercial property and the second concerning the effectiveness of the cooperation with third countries to facilitate the readmission of nationals of the latter who are present illegally in the territory of a Member State. (Bangladesh undertakes to conclude readmission agreements with the Member States of the European Union which so request).?

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**PURPOSE** : to conclude the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the People's Republic of Bangladesh on partnership and development. **CONTENT** : this Agreement is concluded for a period of 5 years. It shall be automatically renewed on a basis unless one of the Parties denounces it at least 6 months before the expiry date. Actions specifically targeting the poorest sections of the population shall be founded on respect for human rights and democratic principles. The principal objectives of this Agreement are to enhance and develop the various aspects of cooperation between the Parties in the areas which fall within the bounds of their respective competences, with the following aims: 1) to support the sustainable economic and social development of Bangladesh and particularly of the poorest sections of its population, with special emphasis on women, taking into account Least Developed Country Status and the enhanced attention and cooperation in the field of HIV and drug control; 2) 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) and to assist Bangladesh in diversifying its productive potential; 3) to promote investment and economic, technical and cultural links in their mutual interest; 4) to pursue equilibrium between policies for sustainable economic growth, social development and protection and conservation of the natural environment. Other areas of cooperation are also included such as regional cooperation, the cooperation in science and technology, drug precursor chemicals and money laundering, human resource development, information and culture and communication. The Agreement also involves an evolutive clause which allows the Parties to expand this Agreement with a view to enhancing the level of cooperation and add to it by means of agreements on specific sectors or activities. In addition, a Joint Commission shall be set up to ensure the proper functioning and implementation of the Agreement. Furthermore, the Joint Commission may also set up specialised subgroups to assist in the performance of its tasks. It is worth noting that 2 annexes exist, the first concerning intellectual, industrial and commercial property and the second concerning the effectiveness of the cooperation with third countries to facilitate the readmission of nationals of the latter who are present illegally in the territory of a Member State. (Bangladesh undertakes to conclude readmission agreements with the Member States of the European Union which so request).?

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The committee adopted the report by Bob van den Bos (ELDR, NL) recommending that Parliament approve (under the consultation procedure) the new Cooperation Agreement with Bangladesh. The committee welcomed the importance accorded to certain key issues in the new Agreement, such as the need for sustainable economic and social development, the fight against poverty, the role of women and the link between economic and social development and environmental protection. All these points were in line with the committee's consistent policy positions. The committee acknowledged Bangladesh's progress in recent years towards democracy but wanted the EU to do still more in future to promote democracy, the rule of law and good governance, including voter education and the fight against electoral fraud. It also wanted the human rights clause to allow for more comprehensive and efficient action, notably where the role and status of women and the fight against child labour were concerned. Lastly, it stressed the need for the EU to contribute actively to strengthening civil society, notably through the network of local NGOs. ?

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The European Parliament approved the report by Mr Bob van den BOS (ELDR, NI) which aims to conclude a Cooperation agreement between the EU and Bangladesh. (Please refer to the decisions of the committee responsible). ?

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**PURPOSE** : to conclude the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the people's Republic of Bangladesh on partnership and development. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Decision 2001/332/EC concerning the conclusions of the Co-operation agreement between the European Community and the people's Republic of Bangladesh on partnership and development. **CONTENT** : this Agreement is concluded for a period of 5 years. It shall be automatically renewed on a basis unless one of the Parties denounces it at least 6 months before the expiry date. Actions specifically targeting the poorest sections of the population shall be founded on respect for human rights and democratic principles. The principal objectives of this Agreement are to enhance and develop the various aspects of cooperation between the Parties in the areas which fall within the bounds of their respective competences, with the following aims: 1) to support the sustainable economic and social development of Bangladesh and particularly of the poorest sections of its population, with special emphasis on women, taking into account Least Developed Country Status and the enhanced attention and cooperation in the field of HIV and drug control; 2) 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) and to assist Bangladesh in diversifying its productive potential; 3) to promote investment and economic, technical and cultural links in their mutual interest; 4) to pursue equilibrium between policies for sustainable economic growth, social development and protection and conservation of the natural environment. Other areas of cooperation are also included such as regional cooperation, the cooperation in science and technology, drug precursor chemicals and money laundering, human resource development, information and culture and communication. The Agreement also involves an evolutive clause which allows the Parties to expand this Agreement with a view to enhancing the level of cooperation and add to it by means of agreements on specific sectors or activities. In addition, a Joint Commission shall be set up to ensure the proper functioning and implementation of the Agreement. Furthermore, the Joint Commission may also set up specialised subgroups to assist in the performance of its tasks. It is worth noting that 2 annexes exist, the first concerning intellectual, industrial and commercial property and the second concerning the effectiveness of the cooperation with third countries to facilitate the readmission of nationals of the latter who are present illegally in the territory of a Member State. (Bangladesh undertakes to conclude readmission agreements with the Member States of the European Union which so request). **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 01/03/2001.?