

Procedure file

| Basic information | | |
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| CNS - Consultation procedure Decision | 2002/0104(CNS) | Procedure completed |
| Palestine, refugees: aid to the countries in the Near East 2002-2005, 11th EC/UNRWA Convention | | |
| Subject 7.10.06 Asylum, refugees, displaced persons; Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) | | |
| Geographical area Palestine | | |

| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | DEVE Development and Cooperation | | 28/05/2002 |
| | | ELDR FLESCH Colette | |
| Council of the European Union | Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| | BUDG Budgets | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| | Council configuration | Meeting | Date |
| | Agriculture and Fisheries | 2448 | 23/09/2002 |

| Key events | | | |
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| 03/05/2002 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2002)0238 | Summary |
| 13/05/2002 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 11/07/2002 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 11/07/2002 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A5-0262/2002 | |
| 03/09/2002 | Decision by Parliament | T5-0386/2002 | Summary |
| 23/09/2002 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 23/09/2002 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 19/10/2002 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2002/0104(CNS) |
| Procedure type | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| Procedure subtype | International agreement |
| Legislative instrument | Decision |
| Legal basis | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 181; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | DEVE/5/16225 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | | |
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| Legislative proposal | | COM(2002)0238 , OJ C 203 27.08.2002, p. 0142 E | 03/05/2002 | EC | Summary |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A5-0262/2002 | 11/07/2002 | EP | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T5-0386/2002 OJ C 272 13.11.2003, p. 0029-0273 E | 03/09/2002 | EP | Summary |

| Additional information | |
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| European Commission | EUR-Lex |

| Final act |
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| Decision 2002/817 OJ L 281 19.10.2002, p. 0010 Summary |

Palestine, refugees: aid to the countries in the Near East 2002-2005, 11th EC/UNRWA Convention

PURPOSE : Conclusion of a new convention between the EC and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries in the Near East for 2002-2005. **CONTENT :** The tenth Convention concluded with the UNRWA expired on 31/12/01. The current crisis in the Middle East has put an additional burden on UNRWA, which contributes to facilitating access to basic social services, reduction of poverty and an improvement of refugees living standards. Community assistance to UNRWA is an important element in stabilising the situation in the Middle East and furthermore forms part of the campaign against poverty in developing countries. It therefore contributes to the sustainable economic and social development of the population and the host countries where Palestinian refugees live. An eleventh Convention is therefore concluded for four years. The Community contribution will not exceed EUR 55 million in 2002, EUR 57.5 million in 2003 and EUR 60,637,500 in 2004 and EUR 63,669,375 in 2005. Other Community resources can also be mobilised for UNRWA's food aid programme to meet the specific needs of vulnerable groups. The amounts and quantities and all other conditions related to supporting the food aid programme will be subject to separately agreed conditions. If it is the case that any of the functions of UNRWA is passed to the Palestinian Authority during the period 2002-2005, adjustments will be made in the Community contribution to UNRWA under the Convention.?

Palestine, refugees: aid to the countries in the Near East 2002-2005, 11th EC/UNRWA Convention

The committee adopted the report by Colette FLESCH (ELDR, L) approving the conclusion of the Convention (consultation procedure).?

Palestine, refugees: aid to the countries in the Near East 2002-2005, 11th EC/UNRWA Convention

The European Parliament adopted the report by Colette FLESCHE (ELDR, L) and made one amendment to the Commission's proposal. It stated that the final amount of the contribution from the EU budget would be established in the annual budgetary procedure by the budgetary authority.?

Palestine, refugees: aid to the countries in the Near East 2002-2005, 11th EC/UNRWA Convention

PURPOSE : to conclude a new Convention (11th) EC/UNRWA on Community aid to UNRWA programmes as well as to its food aid programme. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Decision 2002/817/EC on the conclusion of the Convention between the European Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries in the Near East (2002 to 2005). **CONTENT** : the Council approved the Convention between the European Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East (2002 to 2005). UNRWA shall receive support to its regular programmes (General Fund) of : - EUR 55,000,000 in 2002 (NB: EUR 45 million are currently foreseen on the UNRWA budget line and will be increased to EUR 55 million subject to budgetary availability); - EUR 57,750,000 in 2003; - EUR 60,637,500 in 2004; - EUR 63,669,375 in 2005. The appropriations under the new convention are intended as contribution towards the financing of UNRWA's regular programmes for around 3.9 million Palestine refugees in five fields of operation: Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. It would also allow for the annual negotiation of the Community contribution to the food aid programme. Taking into account the annual evaluation of the needs of the refugee population, other Community resources can also be mobilised for UNRWA's food aid programme to meet the specific needs of vulnerable groups. The amounts, quantities and characteristics of the commodities, cash and services provided and all other conditions related to support to the food aid programme will be subject to separately agreed conditions, based on annual requests from UNRWA. If necessary, during the life of the Convention, the parties can by mutual agreement increase or decrease those parts of the contributions otherwise fixed under this Convention, on the basis of an exchange of letters between the Community and UNRWA. By the end of 2003, political developments regarding the refugees will be reviewed by the parties, and an evaluation made of any plans UNRWA has formulated. If, during the life of the Convention, any or all of the functions of UNRWA are transferred to the Palestinian Authority or to any other body, necessary adjustments will be made to those parts of the Community contribution to UNRWA under the Convention, on the basis of an exchange of letters between the Community and UNRWA. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : the decision shall enter into force on 23/09/2002.?