

Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic) Decision	2004/0176(AVC)	Procedure completed
EC/Tajikistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement		
See also 2007/0050(CNS) See also 2016/0055(NLE)		
Subject 6.40.04.06 Relations with central Asian countries		
Geographical area Tajikistan		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		21/07/2009
		PPE PETERLE Alojz	
	Former committee responsible		
	AFET Foreign Affairs		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Former committee for opinion			
INTA International Trade			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2974	16/11/2009
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	External Relations	FERRERO-WALDNER Benita	

Key events			
26/07/2004	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0521	
20/04/2005	Legislative proposal published	12475/2004	Summary
02/09/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
07/09/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0007/2009	
14/09/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/09/2009	Debate in Parliament		

17/09/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
17/09/2009	Decision by Parliament	T7-0018/2009	Summary
16/11/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
16/11/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/12/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/0176(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 2007/0050(CNS) See also 2016/0055(NLE)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/7/00066

Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal	COM(2004)0521	26/07/2004	EC	
Supplementary legislative basic document	11803/2004	04/10/2004	CSL	Summary
Legislative proposal	12475/2004	20/04/2005	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report	PE427.051	23/07/2009	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0007/2009	07/09/2009	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T7-0018/2009	17/09/2009	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Decision 2009/989](#)
[OJ L 350 29.12.2009, p. 0001](#) Summary

EC/Tajikistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

This document is the draft final Agreement as negotiated between the European Union and Tajikistan establishing a partnership between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Tajikistan, of the other part: for the contents of the Agreement, please refer to the summary for 20 April 2005.

EC/Tajikistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

PURPOSE : to conclude a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tajikistan, of the other part.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: to recall, relations between Tajikistan and the EC are currently governed by the trade and cooperation agreement signed with the former Soviet Union on 18 December 1989 (which entered into force on 1 April 1990), as endorsed by the Republic of Tajikistan in an exchange of letters on 4 February 1994.

The Council adopted its negotiating directives on 5 October 1992, amending them on 10 October 2003, and the Commission formally launched the negotiations for a partnership and cooperation agreement in November 2003. After the second round of negotiations, the text of the agreement was initialed by the negotiators of the Commission and the Government of Tajikistan in Brussels on 16 December 2003.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement is a mixed agreement covering some matters for which the European Communities are competent and others for which the Member States are competent. It is concluded for an initial period of ten years.

The Agreement includes a clause permitting its unilateral suspension if an essential element is violated (i.e. respect for democracy, human rights and the principles of a market economy).

The Agreement establishes institutional machinery for its implementation in the form of a Cooperation Council, a Cooperation Committee and a Parliamentary Committee.

Pending the entry into force of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, it is proposed that the European Communities and Tajikistan conclude an interim agreement mainly concerning trade, cooperation and the institutional framework, as provided for in Article 101 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

Having completed the negotiating process, the Commission now proposes that the Council approve the results of the negotiations and initiate the procedures for the signing and conclusion of this agreement.

The proposed Partnership and Cooperation Agreement will help consolidate and strengthen the EU's political and economic and trade presence in Tajikistan and Central Asia in general. It also aims to promote economic growth and support sustainable development, action against poverty and stability in Tajikistan and Central Asia. In addition, it will provide a framework for future EU cooperation with Tajikistan.

Though modelled on other partnership and cooperation agreements, the EU Tajikistan agreement is the first to include clauses on action against terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. It will be concluded for a period of 10 years, automatically renewable from year to year thereafter. The Agreement will open the way for deeper relations in a great number of fields, based on reciprocity and partnership. The Agreement is founded on respect for the essential principles of democracy, human rights and the rule of law, and on the promotion of sustainable development and the link between different aid instruments (the link between relief, rehabilitation and development).

The proposed Agreement has three main components as well as general and institutional provisions to sustain those components:

- 1) Political dialogue: the EU and Tajikistan will pursue a regular political dialogue. They will in particular cooperate against terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and trafficking, including the drugs trade;
- 2) Cooperation: the Agreement includes provisions in the area of social and economic cooperation, finance and trade, science, information society and technologies, culture, education and audio-visual, state reform and public administration, social and legislative cooperation. The Agreement also provides for commitments and cooperation in re-admission, in the control of illegal immigration, and in combating drugs and organized crime. The Agreement also provides for cooperation on democracy and human rights. A separate protocol covers mutual assistance in customs matters;
- 3) Trade: the Agreement also includes provisions on trade in goods and services and on trade and investment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: This agreement has no impact on the budget.

EC/Tajikistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report drawn up by Alojz PETERLE (EPP, SI) recommending that the European Parliament give its assent to the conclusion of a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tajikistan, of the other part.

EC/Tajikistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

The European Parliament adopted by 555 votes to 43, with 17 abstentions, the legislative resolution in which the European Parliament gives its assent to the conclusion of a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tajikistan, of the other part.

EC/Tajikistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

PURPOSE: to conclude a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and Tajikistan.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Decision 2009/989/EC, Euratom of the Council and of the Commission on the conclusion of a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the

Republic of Tajikistan, of the other part.

CONTENT: the Council adopted a decision approving the conclusion of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tajikistan, of the other part. It is hereby approved on behalf of the European Community and the European Atomic Energy Community.

Though modelled on other partnership and cooperation agreements, the EU Tajikistan agreement is the first to include clauses on action against terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. It will be concluded for a period of ten years, automatically renewable from year to year thereafter. The Agreement will open the way for deeper relations in a great number of fields, based on reciprocity and partnership. The Agreement is founded on respect for the essential principles of democracy, human rights and the rule of law, and on the promotion of sustainable development and the link between different aid instruments (the link between relief, rehabilitation and development).

The Agreement has three main components: political dialogue, cooperation and trade. It also includes general and institutional provisions to sustain those components.

- I. Political dialogue: the EU and Tajikistan will pursue a regular political dialogue. They will in particular cooperate against terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and trafficking, including the drugs trade;
- II. Cooperation: the Agreement includes provisions in the area of social and economic cooperation, finance and trade, science, information society and technologies, culture, education and audio-visual, state reform and public administration, social and legislative cooperation. The Agreement also provides for commitments and cooperation in re-admission, in the control of illegal immigration, and in combating drugs and organised crime. The Agreement also provides for cooperation on democracy and human rights. A separate protocol covers mutual assistance in customs matters;
- III. Trade: the Agreement also includes provisions on trade in goods and services and on trade and investment.

The Agreement includes a clause permitting its unilateral suspension if an essential element is violated (i.e. respect for democracy, human rights and the principles of a market economy).

Institutional provisions: the Agreement establishes institutional machinery for its implementation in the form of a Cooperation Council, a Cooperation Committee and a Parliamentary Committee.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 2010.