

# Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2007/0207(CNS) Procedure completed
EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement	
See also <a href="#">2001/0175(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2014/0293(NLE)</a>	
Subject 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements	
Geographical area India	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>ITRE</b> Industry, Research and Energy		27/02/2008
		PPE-DE <a href="#">EHLER Christian</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2918</a>	19/01/2009
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2834</a>	26/11/2007
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Research and Innovation</a>	POTOČNIK Janez	

Key events			
09/10/2007	Initial legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2007)0576</a>	Summary
10/01/2008	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">16681/2007</a>	Summary
21/02/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
05/06/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
13/06/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0254/2008</a>	
08/07/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		

08/07/2008	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0325/2008</a>	Summary
19/01/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/01/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/07/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2007/0207(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also <a href="#">2001/0175(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2014/0293(NLE)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 170-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/6/54515

### Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2007)0576</a>	09/10/2007	EC	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">14418/2007</a>	20/11/2007	CSL	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">16681/2007</a>	10/01/2008	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report	<a href="#">PE402.687</a>	02/04/2008	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	<a href="#">PE405.976</a>	14/05/2008	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0254/2008</a>	13/06/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T6-0325/2008</a>	08/07/2008	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	<a href="#">SP(2008)4891</a>	27/08/2008	EC	

### Additional information

National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

### Final act

[Decision 2009/501](#)  
[OJ L 171 01.07.2009, p. 0017](#) Summary

## EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement on Scientific and Technical Co-operation with India.

CONTENT: in 2001 the Community signed an Agreement on Scientific and Technical Co-operation with the Republic of India (see [CNS/2001/0175](#)), to be concluded for an initial period of five years. The Agreement may be renewed, by mutual agreement between the parties, following an evaluation. At the EC-India S&T Steering Committee in November 2006, both Parties expressed their interest in renewing the Agreement.

The purpose of this proposal, therefore, is to renew the Agreement for a further five years. Rapid renewal for five more years would be in the best interest of both Parties in order to maintain a seamless continuity in EC-India scientific relations. Since the material content of the renewed Agreement will be identical to the material content of the current Agreement (which expires on 14 October 2007), a simplified, one-step, procedure involving a single act concerning signature and conclusion is being proposed.

Based on the above, the Commission requests the Council to:

- approve, following Parliamentary consultations, the conclusion of an Agreement that renews the existing Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the EC and the Republic of India; and
- authorise the President of the Council to designate the person empowered to sign the Agreement in order to express the Community's consent to the renewed Agreement.

The Agreement's main objective is to encourage and facilitate cooperative research and development activities in science and technology fields of common interest between the Community and India. The Agreement is based on the principle of: partnership; reciprocal access to research activities; timely information exchange; and the correct protection of intellectual property rights.

Cooperative activities will be subject to the availability of funds and to the laws and regulations (including those on tax and customs exemptions) applicable in the territories of each Party. Costs will be shared without any transfer of funds from one Party to the other. An Annex to the Agreement sets out the IPR provisions that are to govern the Agreement.

## EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement

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The proposal for a Council Decision incorporates the official and final text of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and India (see Council doc. 14418/07), signed by the parties on 30 November 2007.

The body of the text of the Agreement and its objectives remain unamended (refer to the summary of the Commission's proposal of 09/10/2007).

Recall that the purpose of this Agreement is to renew the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and India for an additional five years. The material content of the renewed Agreement is identical to the material content of the Agreement, which expired on 14 October 2007.

## EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement

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The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted a report drafted by Christian EHLER (EPP-ED, DE), and made some amendments to the Council decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement renewing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the EC and India. The Committee inserted several new recitals as follows :

- responsibility for the efficient coordination and facilitation of cooperative activities under the Agreement rests with the EC-India S & T Steering Committee and it is desirable that the committee meet annually to review the work programme and that its rules of procedure be based on the principles of transparency and accountability;
- priority objectives of the joint research activities to be carried out under the Agreement should be to produce comparable information and to improve the body of data;
- efforts should be made by both parties to increase the participation of the Community and India in each other's research programmes, to boost the number of exchanges of researchers between the Community and India and to improve the mobility of researchers generally;
- priority attention should also be given to energy and environment policies and to the necessary development of innovative energy technologies. Joint efforts and initiatives, for instance with a view to developing economical carbon capture and storage and renewable technologies, which are in the interest of both partners, should be undertaken;
- special attention should also be given to the principle of reciprocity;
- it is desirable that a mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the Agreement be carried out.

## EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement

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The European Parliament adopted, by 652 votes to 7 with 19 abstentions, under the consultation procedure, a legislative resolution amending the proposal for a draft Council decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement renewing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and India. The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Christian EHLER (EPP-ED, DE), on behalf of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

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## EC/India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation: renewal of the Agreement

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**PURPOSE:** to conclude an Agreement renewing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and India.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision 2009/501/EC concerning the conclusion of an Agreement renewing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India.

**CONTENT:** by Decision 2002/648/EC (see [CNS/2001/0175](#)), the Council approved the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and India. Article 11(b) of the Agreement provides that the Agreement is to be concluded for an initial period of five years and may be renewed by mutual agreement between the Parties after evaluation during the last year of each successive period.

At the EC-India S&T Steering Committee meeting held in Brussels on 15 and 16 November 2006, both Parties expressed their interest for the renewal of the Agreement for five more years. The material content of the renewed Agreement is identical to the material content of the Agreement, which expired on 14 October 2007. The Parties consider that rapid renewal of the Agreement would be in their mutual interest.

Therefore, the Agreement renewing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and India is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The Agreement is based on principles of:

- a partnership for balanced mutual benefits,
- reciprocity,
- the timely exchange of information,
- the appropriate protection of intellectual property rights.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** the Agreement shall enter into force once all the necessary procedures have been completed.