





Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2008/0087(CNS)	Procedure completed, awaiting publication in Official Journal
EC/Ukraine Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: preservation of commitments on trade in services		
Subject		
6.20.01 Agreements and relations in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO)		
6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations		
Geographical area		
Ukraine		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 International Trade	PPE-DE ZALESKI Zbigniew	27/05/2008
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2902	10/11/2008
	Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs	2876	09/06/2008
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Trade	MANDELSON Peter	

Key events			
28/04/2008	Legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0220	Summary
04/06/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/09/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
11/09/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0337/2008	
08/10/2008	Debate in Parliament		
09/10/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
09/10/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0468/2008	Summary

10/11/2008	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
10/11/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2008/0087(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 071-p1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed, awaiting publication in Official Journal
Committee dossier	INTA/6/62395

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2008)0220	28/04/2008	EC	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2008)0222	28/04/2008	EC	
Committee draft report	PE409.505	16/07/2008	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0337/2008	11/09/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0468/2008	09/10/2008	EP	Summary

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

EC/Ukraine Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: preservation of commitments on trade in services

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Ukraine in relation to preservation of commitments on trade in services contained in the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: in accordance with provisions set out in the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) between the Community and Ukraine any commitments undertaken under GATS are to supersede provisions contained in the PCA. Having applied for WTO membership, the Ukraine has offered GATS commitments that substantially cover commitments made under the PCA. Once exception to this rule is Article 39 (3), concerning international maritime transport.

On the basis of a Council mandate, the Commission negotiated an agreement with Ukraine (in the form of an Exchange of Letters) preserving paragraph 3 of the PCA. Under the terms of the Agreement the Community would not be required to go beyond its present obligations both under GATS and the PCA.

In presenting this proposal, the Commission is requesting the Council to conclude the Agreement as negotiated.

EC/Ukraine Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: preservation of commitments on trade in services

The Committee on International Trade adopted a report drafted by Zbigniew ZALESKI (EPP-ED, PL) approving the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Ukraine in relation to preservation of commitments on trade in services contained in the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

The Committee noted that the services area is essential for the EU and the Ukrainian economies. Ukraine has no choice but to reform this sector. The short-run transition hardship will result in a modernized, more transparent, open and competitive service market.

Ukraine's capacity to deliver world-class quality services would establish its international reputation and prove the country's ability to rise to the challenge. The European Union must be ready to support Ukraine's efforts both technically and financially but Ukraine must also do its share of domestic reforms and careful opening process.

EC/Ukraine Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: preservation of commitments on trade in services

The European Parliament adopted, by 582 votes to 16 with 15 abstentions, under the consultation procedure, a resolution approving the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Ukraine in relation to preservation of commitments on trade in services contained in the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. The report had been tabled for consideration by Zbigniew ZALESKI (EPP-ED, PL) on behalf of the Committee on International Trade.

EC/Ukraine Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: preservation of commitments on trade in services

The Council adopted a Decision approving the signature and provisional application of an agreement with Ukraine aimed at preserving the provisions on international maritime transport contained in the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with Ukraine, following its accession to the WTO on 16 May 2008.

The PCA provisions on trade in services will automatically be superseded by Ukraine's commitments under the General Agreement on Trade in Services. These commitments cover the corresponding PCA provisions except for those on international maritime transport, which the new agreement maintains on a bilateral basis.