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Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2010/0310(NLE) Procedure completed
EU/Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement Accompanying procedure 2010/0310M(NLE) See also 2017/0033(NLE) Subject 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.30.02 Financial and technical cooperation and assistance 6.40.05.06 Relations with the countries of the Middle East Geographical area Iraq	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 AFET Foreign Affairs	 SAÏFI Tokia	04/12/2017
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 GOMES Ana	
		 VISTISEN Anders	
		 NART Javier	
	 REIMON Michel		
	 CASTALDO Fabio Massimo		
	Former committee responsible		
 AFET Foreign Affairs			26/01/2010
		PPE MAURO Mario Walter	
Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed	
 DEVE Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
 INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Former committee for opinion			
 DEVE Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
 INTA International Trade			17/09/2012

Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	3093	27/05/2011
	Foreign Affairs	3048	22/11/2010
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	External Relations	ASHTON Catherine	

Key events

05/11/2010	Preparatory document	COM(2010)0638	Summary
22/11/2010	Debate in Council	3048	
02/07/2012	Legislative proposal published	10209/2012	Summary
11/09/2012	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/12/2012	Vote in committee		
11/12/2012	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0411/2012	Summary
16/01/2013	Debate in Parliament		
17/01/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		
17/01/2013	Decision by Parliament	T7-0023/2013	Summary
17/01/2013	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/01/2018	Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation published	10209/1/2012	Summary
20/02/2018	Formal reconsultation of Parliament		
20/06/2018	Vote in committee		
26/06/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, reconsultation	A8-0222/2018	Summary
04/07/2018	Decision by Parliament	T8-0285/2018	Summary
20/07/2018	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
10/08/2018	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2010/0310(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 2017/0033(NLE)

Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 209-p1; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/12332; AFET/7/04458

Documentation gateway

Preparatory document		COM(2010)0638	05/11/2010	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		10209/2012	02/07/2012	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE498.021	24/10/2012	EP	
Committee opinion	INTA	PE458.771	08/11/2012	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0411/2012	11/12/2012	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0023/2013	17/01/2013	EP	Summary
Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation		10209/1/2012	29/01/2018	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE619.399	28/03/2018	EP	
Committee final report tabled for plenary, reconsultation		A8-0222/2018	26/06/2018	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament after reconsultation		T8-0285/2018	04/07/2018	EP	Summary

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

[Decision 2018/1107](#)
[OJ L 203 10.08.2018, p. 0001](#) Summary

EU/Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

PURPOSE: to conclude a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: on 23 March 2006 the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate a Trade and Cooperation Agreement with Iraq and issued negotiating directives in this regard. Negotiations were launched in November 2006 and progressed well with their conclusion in November 2009, after nine negotiating rounds.

At the seventh round of EU-Iraq negotiations, held in February 2009 in Baghdad, both Iraq and the EU agreed to enhance the status of the draft Agreement, by changing the title of the Agreement from "Trade and Cooperation Agreement" to "Partnership and Cooperation Agreement" and also through the creation of a Cooperation Council, meeting regularly at ministerial level. These changes were reflected in the negotiating directives approved by the Council.

The EU-Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement will mark the first ever contractual relation between the EU and Iraq.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment has been carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 207 and 209 in conjunction with Article 218 (6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: the EU-Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement provides a legal framework covering issues from regular political dialogue to trade relations and regulatory cooperation, and development assistance.

Aim: the aim of this Agreement, concluded for 10 years (renewable), is to build a solid basis for strengthening ties between Iraq and the EU.

In particular, it aims to enhance political dialogue on bilateral, regional and global issues, improving the trade arrangements between Iraq and the EU, supporting Iraq's own vital reform and development efforts and facilitating its integration into the wider international economy. The Agreement underlines the EU's determination to play a significant role in Iraq's transition and will be the main vehicle for the EU's support to Iraq and further enhancement of EU-Iraq relations.

On a policy level, the main elements of the Agreement are the following:

1. Political dialogue and cooperation in the field of foreign and security policy;
2. Regular political dialogue, at ministerial as well as senior official level;
3. Clauses on human rights and countering proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, which are essential elements of the Agreement;
4. Clauses on combating terrorism, small arms and light weapons and the International Criminal Court.

Trade and Investments: the Agreement comprises a non-preferential trade agreement that incorporates basic World Trade Organization (WTO) rules, although Iraq is not yet a member of the WTO, and provides for some substantial preferential elements, namely as regards public procurement and services and investments. The trade section also includes an efficient dispute settlement mechanism, featuring binding panel rulings and compliance procedures.

Provisions for cooperation in a number of areas, such as (non-exhaustive list):

- energy,
- transport,
- investment,
- human rights,
- education,
- science and technology,
- justice,
- freedom and security (including cooperation on migration and asylum),
- environment,
- regional or cultural cooperation.

Institutional provisions for the implementation of the Agreement, including a Cooperation Council meeting once a year at ministerial level and a Cooperation Committee to assist the Cooperation Council in its duties.

Provisional Application: pending the entry into force of the Agreement, certain parts of it should be applied on a provisional basis, as foreseen in Article 117 of the Agreement.

In the light of the significance of the Agreement, the Commission considers that the Council should send the notifications referred to in Article 117 only after a certain lapse of time so as to allow the European Parliament to express its views on the Agreement. The Commission is ready to work with the Council and the European Parliament so that the Agreement can be provisionally applied in the course of 2011.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

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The EU-Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement will mark the first ever contractual relation between the EU and Iraq.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iraq, of the other part, was signed on 11 May 2012, subject to its possible conclusion at a later date.

It is now necessary to approve this Agreement on behalf of the European Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment has been carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 79(3), 91, 100, 192(1), 194, 207 and 209 in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: the draft EU-Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement provides a legal framework covering issues from regular political dialogue to trade relations and regulatory cooperation, and development assistance.

Aim: the aim of this Agreement, concluded for 10 years (renewable), is to build a solid basis for strengthening ties between Iraq and the EU.

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Trade and Investments: the Agreement comprises a non-preferential trade agreement that incorporates basic World Trade Organization (WTO) rules, although Iraq is not yet a member of the WTO, and provides for some substantial preferential elements, namely as regards public procurement and services and investments. The trade section also includes an efficient dispute settlement mechanism, featuring binding panel rulings and compliance procedures.

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- energy,
- transport,
- investment,
- human rights,
- education,
- science and technology,
- justice,
- freedom and security (including cooperation on migration and asylum),
- environment,
- regional or cultural cooperation.

Institutional provisions are provided for the implementation of the Agreement, including a Cooperation Council meeting once a year at ministerial level and a Cooperation Committee to assist the Cooperation Council in its duties.

Provisional Application: pending the entry into force of the Agreement, certain parts of it should be applied on a provisional basis. The European Parliament shall be asked to give its consent to the Agreement.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EU/Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Mario MAURO (EPP, IT) in which it recommends the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part.

Overall, Members welcomed the agreement which will enable Iraq to maintain its stability, by supporting its democratic and pluralist institutions as well as through continuous technical assistance to secure the sustainability and efficiency of the Iraqi economy.

EU/Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

EU/Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

The Council decided to consult the European Parliament again on its draft decision on the conclusion of a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iraq, of the other part.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iraq, of the other part, was signed on 11 May 2012 subject to its possible conclusion at a later date. The Agreement must now be approved.

The Council may adopt the act only if the European Parliament gives it consent to it.

EU/Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Tokia SAÏFI (EPP, FR) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part.

The committee recommended that Parliament give its consent to conclusion of the Agreement.

It also adopted an own-initiative report containing a [non-legislative motion for a resolution](#) on the draft Council decision.

The draft EU-Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement provides a legal framework covering issues from regular political dialogue to trade relations and regulatory cooperation, and development assistance. Its aim is to build a solid basis for strengthening ties between Iraq and the EU.

The Agreement underlines the EUs determination to play a significant role in Iraqs transition and will be the main vehicle for the EUs support to Iraq and further enhancement of EU-Iraq relations.

EU/Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

The European Parliament adopted, by 565 votes to 75, with 34 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the agreement. It also adopted a [non-legislative resolution](#) on the draft Council decision.

The draft EU-Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement provides a legal framework covering issues from regular political dialogue to trade relations and regulatory cooperation, and development assistance. Its aim is to build a solid basis for strengthening ties between Iraq and the EU.

EU/Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

PURPOSE: to approve, on behalf of the Union, a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2018/1107 on the conclusion of a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part.

CONTENT: the Council decided to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part, together with the Annexes and the declaration made unilaterally, attached to the Final Act.

The Partnership Agreement was signed on 11 May 2012 subject to its possible conclusion at a later date.

Concluded for a period of 10 years (renewable), the agreement is intended to provide a solid basis for strengthening ties between Iraq and the EU. In particular, it aims to enhance political dialogue on bilateral, regional and global issues by improving trade regimes between Iraq and the EU, supporting Iraq's key development and reform efforts and facilitating its integration into the wider international economy.

The agreement is based on respect for democratic principles and human rights and the principles of the rule of law. Its objectives are:

- to establish a regular political dialogue between the parties with the aim of strengthening their relations, contributing to the development of a partnership and increasing mutual understanding and solidarity. In the field of foreign and security policy cooperation, the Parties undertake to: (i) cooperate in order to prevent and eliminate terrorist acts; (ii) contribute to the fight against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and (iii) examine the possibility of Iraq's future accession to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
- to promote trade and investment and the development of harmonious economic relations between the Parties and thereby foster their sustainable economic development. The trade section introduces a dispute settlement mechanism providing for the binding force of arbitration panel decisions and compliance procedures.
- to provide a basis for legislative, economic, social, financial and cultural cooperation.

Institutional provisions are laid down concerning the implementation of the Agreement and the establishment of a Cooperation Council meeting once a year at ministerial level and a Cooperation Committee to assist it in carrying out its duties.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 20.7.2018.