

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1993/1141(CNS)	Procedure completed
EEC/Central America agreement: framework agreement for cooperation		
Subject 6.40.10 Relations with Latin America, Central America, Caribbean islands		
Geographical area Honduras Costa Rica Nicaragua El Salvador Guatemala Panama		

Key players			
European Parliament			
Council of the European Union			
Council configuration	Meeting	Date	
<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2161</a>	22/02/1999	

Key events			
09/02/1993	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">04599/1993</a>	Summary
11/02/1993	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1993)0052	
19/04/1993	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
01/07/1993	Vote in committee		Summary
30/06/1993	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A3-0221/1993	
13/07/1993	Debate in Parliament		Summary
15/07/1993	Decision by Parliament	T3-0449/1993	Summary
22/02/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/02/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/03/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1993/1141(CNS)

Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 228-p2/3-a1; EC before Amsterdam E 130W
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/3/04551

#### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		<a href="#">04599/1993</a>	10/02/1993	CSL	Summary
Initial legislative proposal		COM(1993)0052 <a href="#">OJ C 077 18.03.1993, p. 0030</a>	12/02/1993	EC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A3-0221/1993 <a href="#">OJ C 255 20.09.1993, p. 0005</a>	01/07/1993	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T3-0449/1993 <a href="#">OJ C 255 20.09.1993, p. 0141-0167</a>	15/07/1993	EP	Summary

#### Final act

[Decision 1999/194](#)  
[OJ L 063 12.03.1999, p. 0038](#) Summary

## EEC/Central America agreement: framework agreement for cooperation

This proposal for a decision concerned the conclusion of a Framework Cooperation Agreement between the Community and several Central American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. It was based on respect for human rights and democratic principles. The Agreement included a future development clause which allowed the areas of cooperation to be diversified. It provided for: - the strengthening of cooperation in all areas of common interest: economic, financial, commercial, social, science and technology, environmental and regional integration sectors; - economy: diversification of economic links, encouragement of trade and investment, transfer of technology, job creation, rural development, support for regional integration initiatives, statistics; - most-favoured nation clause, - development and promotion of trade cooperation; - other areas of cooperation: industrial, investment, cooperation between financial institutions, science and technology, standards, protection of intellectual and industrial property, cooperation in the mining, energy, transport, information technology and telecommunications, tourism, environment and development sectors, in the agriculture, fisheries, forestry and rural sectors, public health and administration, social development, combating drug abuse, assistance for displaced persons, regional integration in Central America, culture, training etc. The Agreement also included an Annex on maritime transport and unilateral declarations on the protection of investment, priority Community support for projects of a regional nature and the special concessions granted by the Community to these countries in the context of the generalised system of preferences.?

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The REX Committee adopted the draft report by Mrs Junker. The rapporteur approved the conclusion of this framework agreement. ?

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Parliament has approved the signature of a framework cooperation agreement between the Community and Central America (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama). This is a third generation agreement that does not contain a financial protocol but provides for evolving economic and commercial cooperation, in other words it does not exclude any field of cooperation. Like the agreement with the Andean Pact, it incorporates the 'democratic clause', economic cooperation that is as wide-ranging as possible (e.g. reinforcement of

SMEs, establishment of joint undertakings), extended commercial cooperation aimed at encouraging reciprocal trade and improving market access conditions for goods (coffee, sugar, cotton, bananas), development cooperation in specific areas (social development, public health, culture, tourism and anti-drugs measures). ?

## EEC/Central America agreement: framework agreement for cooperation

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**PURPOSE :** the conclusion of a framework Co-operation Agreement between the Community and several Central American countries.  
**COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Council Decision 1999/194/EC concerning the conclusion of a framework Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. **CONTENT :** The Agreement is based on respect for democratic principles and human rights. It contains a clause that permits the extension of the areas of co-operation if deemed appropriate. The agreement covers : - the strengthening of co-operation in all areas of common interest, particularly the economic, financial, commercial, social, science and technology, environment and regional integration; - on the economic front, the strengthening and diversification of economic links, the promotion of trade and investment, technology transfer, job creation, rural development, support for regional integration initiatives; - active development of trade co-operation (exchanges of senior company staff, co-operation between customs services, promotion of joint activities between companies,...). Other areas of co-operation are planned in sectors such as industry, investment, co-operation between financial institutions, science and technology, standards, intellectual and industrial property, mining, energy, transport, tourism, environment, agriculture, forestry & rural sector, fisheries, health, social development, drug prevention, support for regional integration in Central America, cultural co-operation, training... Specific co-operation is also foreseen with a view to strengthening the democratic process in Central America (organisation of free and transparent elections, respect for human rights, ...), as well as aid for the reintegration of refugees, displaced persons and returnees. The Agreement includes the Most-favoured-nation treatment clause, as well as an annex covering maritime transport. There are also unilateral declarations on the protection of investments, priority assistance of the Community for regional projects, and special concessions accorded by the Community to these countries under the GSP. As far as the entry into force of the Agreement is concerned, it is stipulated that the Joint Committee, established in 1985 pursuant to the previous Co-operation Agreement, will be maintained. Tasks of this Committee will include ensuring the proper functioning and co-ordination of activities governed by this Agreement. **ENTRY INTO FORCE :** 01.03.1999.?