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Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2018/0403(NLE)	Awaiting final decision
EU/Singapore Partnership and Cooperation Agreement		
Accompanying procedure 2018/0403M(NLE)		
Subject		
6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations		
Geographical area		
Singapore		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Foreign Affairs	 LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ WHITE Antonio Shadow rapporteur  MARTIN David  TANNOCK Timothy Charles Ayrton  KYUCHYUK Ilhan  BÜTIKOFER Reinhard  CASTALDO Fabio Massimo	09/10/2018
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Key events			
04/12/2018	Preparatory document	COM(2018)0784	Summary
07/01/2019	Legislative proposal published	15375/2018	Summary
14/01/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

22/01/2019	Vote in committee		
23/01/2019	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0020/2019	Summary
12/02/2019	Debate in Parliament		
13/02/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/02/2019	Decision by Parliament	T8-0092/2019	Summary

Technical information

Procedure reference	2018/0403(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 212; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	AFET/8/15007

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure	08224/2014	29/04/2014	CSL	
Committee draft report	PE630.545	15/11/2018	EP	
Preparatory document	COM(2018)0784	04/12/2018	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal	15375/2018	07/01/2019	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0020/2019	23/01/2019	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0092/2019	13/02/2019	EP	Summary

EU/Singapore Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

PURPOSE: to conclude, 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 Singapore, of the other part.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: on 25 November 2004, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with six ASEAN countries, including Singapore. Negotiations with Singapore were launched in October 2005 and finalised in May 2013. The two sides initialled the PCA in Singapore on 14 October 2013. Negotiations were carried out in consultation with the Working Party on Asia and the Pacific (COASI), as a consultative committee.

Following the adoption of the Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement on 16 of July 2018, the Agreement was signed on 19 October 2018 in Brussels.

The PCA with Singapore is the fifth agreement with an ASEAN country, following the agreements with Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Malaysia. It will supersede the current legal framework of the 1980 Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations.

CONTENT: the Commission called on the Council to conclude, 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 Singapore, of the other part.

This agreement with Singapore constitutes a stepping stone towards enhanced political and economic involvement of the EU in South-East Asia. It will provide the basis for more effective bilateral engagement by the EU and its Member States with Singapore by strengthening political dialogue and enhancing cooperation in a broad range of areas.

The agreement covers the EU's standard political clauses on human rights, International Criminal Court (ICC), Weapons of Mass Destructions (WMD), Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and counter-terrorism. It also provides for the possibility of suspending the application of the Agreement or of any specific agreement in case of a violation of essential elements of the agreement, i.e. the human rights clause and the non-proliferation clause.

It also encompasses cooperation in areas such as:

- trade and investment issues, industrial policy, health, environment, climate change, energy, tax, education and culture, labour, employment and social affairs, science and technology, and transport;
- justice, freedom and security, i.e. legal cooperation, money laundering and terrorist financing, organised crime and corruption.

The agreement establishes a Joint Committee to ensure the proper functioning and implementation of the Agreement.

It is complemented by a free trade agreement and an investment protection agreement.

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BACKGROUND: in accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2018/1047, the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Singapore, of the other part was signed on 19 October 2018, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

The objective of the Agreement is to provide the basis for more effective bilateral engagement by the Union and its Member States with Singapore by strengthening cooperation and dialogue across a broad range of bilateral, regional and multilateral issues. The Agreement constitutes a stepping stone towards enhanced political and economic involvement of the Union in South-East Asia.

It is now necessary to approve the Agreement.

CONTENT: the Council seeks 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 Singapore, of the other part, the Joint Declarations and the Side Letter which are an integral part of the Agreement.

EU/Singapore Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ WHITE (EPP, ES) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Singapore, of the other part.

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

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EU/Singapore Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

The European Parliament adopted by 537 votes to 87, with 50 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Singapore, of the other part.

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