


Procedure file

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EC/Cyprus relations: financial and technical cooperation, 4th protocol		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	RELA External Economic Relations		25/01/1995
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European Parliament	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		04/10/1994
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	1878	30/10/1995
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07/04/1995	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0065	
09/06/1995	Legislative proposal published	07127/1995	Summary
10/07/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/09/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
28/09/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0223/1995	
10/10/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary
10/10/1995	Decision by Parliament	T4-0447/1995	Summary
30/10/1995	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

30/10/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/11/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

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Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 1995/485 OJ L 278 21.11.1995, p. 0022 Summary

EC/Cyprus relations: financial and technical cooperation, 4th protocol

This proposal for a decision aimed to conclude a fourth protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the Community and Cyprus. It was allocated a financial envelope of ECU 74 million, namely: . ECU 24 million from the Community budget (ECU 22 million of non-refundable aid plus ECU 2 million of risk capital), . ECU 50 million in loans from the European Investment Bank. The cooperation has three main objectives: - to contribute to the economic and social development of Cyprus and to the integration of its economy into that of Europe; - to promote the transfer of the *acquis communautaire* by adapting Cyprus' national legislation, by training its civil servants and by raising public awareness of European realities; - to support the efforts of the United Nations to find a solution to the Cyprus question (financial support for "Confidence-Building Measures" to a maximum of ECU 12 million of non-refundable aid). The objectives set out in the protocol were to be realised by financing technical aid and training projects in the following key fields: - in the services sector, in industry and in agriculture: support for the restructuring and modernisation of the Cypriot economy (investment promotion, vocational training, support for SMEs, etc.) with a view to generating employment; - strengthening of the ties between Cypriot and European socio-economic operators through the promotion of exports and support for trade reforms designed to facilitate greater integration into the Union's economy; - cooperation in the field of science and technology (strengthening of the links between Cypriot and European research institutes on various EC research programmes); - cooperation in the field of the environment (protection of natural resources, etc.); - participation of Cyprus in framework programmes or specific Community programmes according to the terms and conditions to be negotiated; - promotion of regional cooperation on a case-by-case basis; - adaptation of Cypriot legislation to the *acquis communautaire*. This protocol was valid for the period up to 31 December 1998. If Cyprus were to join the Union during this period, specific adjustments would be negotiated with the country. ?

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The Committee adopted the report by Mr Alexandros ALAVANOS (GUE/NGL, EL) which proposed that the European Parliament give its assent to the conclusion of the fourth protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the EC and Cyprus. The cooperation is to be allocated a financial envelope of ECU 74 m, namely ECU 24 m from the Community budget (ECU 22 m of non-refundable aid plus ECU 2 m in

high-risk capital) and ECU 50 m in EIB loans, and is to have three major objectives: - to facilitate the economic transition of Cyprus towards integration in the European Union; - to promote the transfer of the *acquis* by adapting Cypriot national legislation, by training its public officials and by alerting national public opinion to European realities; - to promote a global settlement of the Cyprus question (financial support amounting to a maximum of ECU 12 m of non-refundable aid). The protocol provides for the financing of technical aid and training projects in a number of priority areas, such as the services sector, industry and agriculture: support for the restructuring and modernisation of the Cypriot economy (investment promotion, professional training, support for SMEs, etc.) with a view to creating jobs. It also provides for the strengthening of ties between Cypriot and European socio-economic operators by the promotion of exports, support for commercial policy reforms which are aimed at a greater integration in the economy of the European Union and cooperation in the field of science and technology (strengthening of ties between Cypriot and European research institutes on various EC research programmes). In addition, the protocol provides for cooperation in the environmental sector, the participation of Cyprus in Community framework programmes and, finally, the promotion of regional cooperation on a case-by-case basis. The protocol is to be valid until 31 December 1998. In the event that Cyprus accedes to the Union during this period, specific adaptations will be negotiated with that country. ?

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The rapporteur called for clarification of when the negotiations would begin. It was vital to support measures to increase confidence between the two parties on the island. Commissioner VAN DEN BROEK stated that the accession negotiations would begin before ratification of the results of the Intergovernmental Conference, but that accession would be difficult before such ratification. Moreover, it was essential to secure a political settlement that respected the EU's essential values.

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In adopting the report by Mr Alexandros ALAVANOS (GUE/NGL, EL) on the conclusion of the protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Community and the Republic of Cyprus, the European Parliament gave its assent to the conclusion of the protocol. ?

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- OBJECTIVE: to conclude a fourth protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Community and Cyprus whose objective is to contribute to the economic and social development of that country, to facilitate the economic transition of Cyprus with a view to its accession to the Union and to support efforts which seek to promote a global settlement of the Cyprus question. - COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 95/485/EC on the conclusion of a protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the Community and Cyprus. - SUBSTANCE: The decision establishes the technical details and financial envelope of the Fourth EC-Cyprus Financial Protocol. The protocol has been allocated a financial envelope of ECU 74 m, namely: . ECU 24 m from the Community budget (ECU 22 m in non-refundable aid plus ECU 2 m in high-risk capital), . ECU 50 m in loans from the European Investment Bank, and has set the following 3 major objectives: - to contribute to the economic and social development of Cyprus and to the integration of its economy into that of Europe, - to promote the transfer of the *acquis* by adapting Cypriot national legislation, by training its public officials and by alerting national public opinion to European realities; - to support the efforts of the United Nations to find a solution to the Cyprus question (financial support for Confidence Building Measures to a maximum amount of ECU 12 m of non-refundable aid). - AREAS OF INTERVENTION: The objectives set by the present protocol are to be achieved through the funding of technical aid and training projects in the following priority areas: . in the services sector, in industry and in agriculture: support for the restructuring and modernisation of the Cypriot economy (investment promotion, professional training, support for SMEs, etc.) with a view to creating jobs; . strengthening of ties between Cypriot and European socio-economic operators by the promotion of exports and by providing support for trade policy reforms which are aimed at greater integration into the economy of the European Union; . cooperation in the field of science and technology (strengthening of ties between Cypriot and European research institutes on various EC research programmes); . cooperation in the environmental sector (protection of natural resources, etc.); . participation of Cyprus in framework programmes or in specific Community programmes according to the terms and conditions to be negotiated; . promotion of regional cooperation on a case-by-case basis; . adaptation of Cypriot legislation to the *acquis*. - VALIDITY: up to 31.12.1998. - ENTRY INTO FORCE: 2 months after all the necessary notification procedures have been completed by each of the parties. ?