

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1995/0810(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Hungary Europe agreement: implementation of competition rules		
Subject 6.40.02 Relations with central and eastern Europe		
Geographical area Hungary		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur
	RELA External Economic Relations		Appointed 21/06/1995
			ARE SAINJON André
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		Appointed 22/06/1995
	PPE VON HABSBURG Otto		
Council of the European Union	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy		The committee decided not to give an opinion.

Key events			
10/04/1995	Legislative proposal published	05929/1995	Summary
12/06/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/07/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
20/07/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0179/1995	
22/09/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary
22/09/1995	Decision by Parliament	T4-0438/1995	Summary
06/11/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
06/11/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/11/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1995/0810(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 000
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/06649

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		05929/1995	10/04/1995	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0179/1995 OJ C 269 16.10.1995, p. 0009	20/07/1995	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0438/1995 OJ C 269 16.10.1995, p. 0196-0230	22/09/1995	EP	Summary

Final act
Decision 1996/1120 OJ L 295 20.11.1996, p. 0029 Summary

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The REX Committee adopted the draft reports by Mr Willy DE CLERCQ and Mr Andr  SAINJON (ARE, F). These two drafts outlined the position the Community should adopt in the Association Council under the association agreements between the EU and Poland on the one hand and the EU and Hungary on the other. With the adoption of this draft, the Association Council would be in a position to ensure that the EU and Poland (for the EU-Poland association agreement) and the EU and Hungary (for the EU-Hungary association agreement) implement a similar competition policy and provide state aid on the basis of identical fundamental principles. The Association Council's draft decision related, in particular, to the fundamental principles of the competition policy, the relevant authorities, consultation and information procedures and cooperation on administrative procedures. With regard to the report by Mr Willy DE CLERCQ, the REX Committee asked that the conciliation procedure be initiated if the Council intended to depart from the text approved by Parliament. ?

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The European Parliament approved the proposed position. ?

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Referring to the content of the Europe agreements concluded with the CEECs on competition, particularly the agreements concluded with Poland and Hungary, Commissioner CRESSON stated that the Commission's new approach was based on the need to adopt the rules necessary to apply the provisions of the agreements on businesses and State aid within three years of the entry into force of the Interim Agreements. She added that although the rules on businesses could be agreed without any great difficulty, the problem of State aid was more delicate as it entailed the application and introduction of a system of self-monitoring by the countries in question.

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PURPOSE: to adopt the rules necessary for the implementation of Article 62 (1) (i), (1) (ii) and (2) of the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Hungary, of the other part, and the rules implementing Article 8 (1) (i), (1) (ii) and (2) of Protocol No. 2 on ECSC products to that agreement. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Decision No. 2/96/EEC of the Association Council, association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Hungary, of the other part, of 6 November 1996. (96/652/Euratom, ECSC, EC). CONTENT: Cases relating to agreements between undertakings,

decisions by associations of undertakings and concerted practices between undertakings which have as part of their object or effect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition as well as to abuses of a dominant position in the territories of the Community or of Hungary, shall be settled according to the principles contained in Article 62 (1) and (2) of the Europe Agreement. Provisions contained in the Decision relate to the following: - Competence of both competition authorities; - Competence of one competition authority only; - Request for information; - Secrecy and confidentiality of information; - Block exemptions; - Merger control; - Activities of minor importance; - Association Council - Negative conflict of competence. ENTRY INTO FORCE: This Decision shall enter into force on 01.01.1997.?