

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">1995/0139(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
EC/Moldova interim agreement See also <a href="#">1994/0249(AVC)</a>		
Subject 6.40.04 Relations with the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)		
Geographical area Moldova		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations		20/07/1995
		PSE <a href="#">WIERSMA Jan Marinus</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		13/10/1994
		GUE <a href="#">ALAVANOS Alexandros</a>	
Council of the European Union	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy		
	<b>ENER</b> Research, Technological Development and Energy		19/07/1995
		UPE <a href="#">SCAPAGNINI Umberto</a>	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1902</a>	29/01/1996
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1871</a>	02/10/1995

Key events			
07/06/1995	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0244	
02/10/1995	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">09737/1995</a>	Summary
09/10/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/10/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
31/10/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0275/1995</a>	
29/11/1995	Debate in Parliament		
	Decision by Parliament		Summary

30/11/1995		T4-0586/1995	
29/01/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
29/01/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/02/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0139(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also <a href="#">1994/0249(AVC)</a>
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 113; EC before Amsterdam E 228-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/07130

### Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal	COM(1995)0244	07/06/1995	EC	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">09737/1995</a>	02/10/1995	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0275/1995</a> <a href="#">OJ C 323 04.12.1995, p. 0005</a>	31/10/1995	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0586/1995 <a href="#">OJ C 339 18.12.1995, p. 0039-0051</a>	30/11/1995	EP	Summary

### Final act

[Decision 1996/161](#)  
[OJ L 040 17.02.1996, p. 0010](#) Summary

## EC/Moldova interim agreement

- OBJECTIVE: interim agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, the ECSC and EURATOM, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, pending the entry into force of the EC-Moldova partnership agreement. - SUBSTANCE: pending ratification of the partnership and cooperation agreement concluded between the EC and Moldova, and signed in Brussels on 28.11.1994, an interim agreement is approved with a view to applying, on a temporary basis, that section of the general partnership agreement which deals with trade and trade-related measures. The present agreement, which was initialled in Brussels on 07.04.1995, will apply until the entry into force of the main partnership and cooperation agreement. The interim agreement suspends the trade-related provisions of the trade and economic cooperation agreement concluded in 1989 between the Community and the URSS, insofar as they relate specifically to Moldova. The present agreement is concluded by the Council on behalf of the European Community, after consultation of the European Parliament (in accordance with Article 113, in conjunction with Article 228(2, first sentence), of the Treaty on European Union). ?

## EC/Moldova interim agreement

The Committee adopted the report by Mr Jan Marinus WIERSMA (PSE, NL) on the economic and trade-related aspects of the partnership and cooperation agreement (PCA) between the European Community and Moldova. The agreement, which is concluded for an initial period of 10 years, is based on respect for democracy, the principles of international law and human rights, the principles of the market economy and a negotiated solution to the problems of minority-group rights. The agreement relates to the trade in goods on the basis of the most-favoured-nation clause, with a view to an examination in 1998 of the possibility of establishing a free-trade zone; trade in textiles is

governed by a separate agreement, while trade in ECSC products is not subject to most-favoured-nation criteria and trade in nuclear material will be governed "if necessary" by a special agreement. The report also stressed that it would be useful to conclude a bilateral agreement on the wine trade, which was the most dynamic of the export sectors, and called for the Community market to be made more accessible to agricultural products from Moldova. As far as trade and investment provisions are concerned, the Committee approved the general objectives of those measures relating to working conditions, the setting-up and operation of companies and the transfrontier provision of services. Other aspects of the agreement: The Committee acknowledged the efforts which had been made by the Republic of Moldova in respect of current payments and the balance of capital, competition, protection of intellectual and industrial property and legislative cooperation, and approved the list of themes which could be the subject of economic cooperation. The Committee also stressed the importance of cooperation in sectors such as education and training, the fight against crime, energy, environmental protection, transport and social affairs. ?

## EC/Moldova interim agreement

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In adopting the report by Mr WIERSMA (PSE, NL), Parliament approved the conclusion of the interim agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Communities and Moldova. ?

## EC/Moldova interim agreement

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- OBJECTIVE: interim agreement between the EC, the ECSC and EURATOM, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, on trade and trade-related matters, pending the entry into force of the EC-Moldova partnership and cooperation agreement. - COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision No 96/161/EC on the conclusion by the EC of the interim agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the EC, the ECSC and Euratom, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part. - SUBSTANCE: pending ratification of the partnership and cooperation agreement concluded between the EC and Moldova, signed in Brussels on 28 November 1994, an interim agreement is approved with a view to applying, on a temporary basis, the trade-related section of the general partnership agreement. The present agreement, signed in Luxembourg on 2 October 1995, suspends the trade-related provisions of the trade and economic cooperation agreement concluded in 1989 between the Community and the USSR, insofar as they relate specifically to Moldova. The agreement is based on respect for democracy and human rights and contains provisions relating to the following main areas: - trade in goods: most-favoured nation clause, the principle of free transit of goods; - the authorization of current account payments in freely convertible currency, the application of the principle of free competition and improved protection of intellectual property rights (with the aim being to provide a level of protection similar to that provided in the Community within five years of the agreement's entry into force); - the Joint Committee set up by the cooperation agreement between the EEC and the USSR will be responsible for performing all the duties assigned to it by this agreement with regard to Moldova. - ENTRY INTO FORCE: the agreement will enter into force two months after the parties have given notification that the necessary procedures for its approval have been completed. It will be applicable until the entry into force of the main partnership and cooperation agreements.?

## EC/Moldova interim agreement

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The Council, having received on 30 November 1995 the Opinion of the European Parliament which it had exercised its option of consulting, decided to conclude the Interim Agreement with Moldova, signed by the Community and Moldova on 2 October 1995.?