

# EU/Australia Framework Agreement

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**PURPOSE:** to approve the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia, 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:** the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and Australia was signed and some of its provisions are being applied on a provisional basis pending its entry into force.

The Agreement must now be approved.

**CONTENT:** the draft Council Decision seeks the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the Framework Agreement **between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia,** of the other part.

The Agreement seeks to **strengthen cooperation** in a wide range of areas, including:

- human rights,
- non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction,
- the fight against terrorism,
- cooperation on economic and trade matters,
- health,
- the environment,
- climate change,
- energy,
- education,
- culture,
- labour,
- disaster management,
- fisheries and maritime affairs,
- transport,
- legal cooperation and the combating of money laundering,
- terrorist financing,
- organised crime and corruption.

*For further details on the content of the Agreement, please refer to the summary of the Commission's initial legislative proposal dated 28.11.2016.*