

EC/Kyrgyzstan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

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The proposal for a decision seeks to permit the conclusion of a partnership and cooperation agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kyrgyz Republic, of the other. This mixed agreement covers sectors of national and Community competence. The agreement is concluded for a period of 10 years and establishes a political dialogue. It comprises measures relating to trade in goods, conditions relating to employment, the establishment and operation of companies, the provision of cross-border services, payments and capital, competition, the protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property, legislative cooperation, economic and financial cooperation and cultural cooperation. In addition, the Agreement includes a conditionality clause on human rights, allowing its suspension - on a unilateral basis if necessary - in the event of a breach of its essential elements, which are respect for democratic principles, human rights and the principles of the market economy. The Agreement will be administered by a threefold structure, comprising a Cooperation Council, a Cooperation Committee and a Parliamentary Cooperation Committee. The provisions relating to customs cooperation will be the object of a separate protocol. This Agreement replaces the 1989 Agreement on trade and commercial and economic cooperation between the European Communities and the USSR, insofar as it relates specifically to the interests of the Kyrgyz Republic.