EC/Israel agreement: government and telecommunications operators procurement

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In adopting the report by Mr Willy DE CLERCQ (EDLR, B), Parliament approved the conclusion of two Agreements between the European Community and the State of Israel concerning the liberalization of government procurement and telecommunications procurement. The conclusion of two separate Agreements is necessary because the first Agreement (government procurement) essentially complements the WTO Government Procurement Agreement (1996) GPA) and the second Agreement, on telecommunications procurement, covers a sector to which the 1996 GPA does not apply. Parliament believes that Israel and the European Union will benefit from these two Agreements, Israel's main concern being to guarantee access for certain high-tech goods, and the Union focussing on public procurement, particularly in the transport sector.