EC/Yemen relations: cooperation agreement

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OBJECTIVE: to conclude a cooperation agreement between the Community and Yemen. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 98/189/EC concerning the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Yemen. SUBSTANCE: The Agreement is based on respect for the principles of democracy and human rights. It is purely a Community agreement, and clearly reflects Yemen's identity as an Arab country. CFSP issues are not referred no, and no financial protocol is envisaged. It is a non-preferential agreement providing for most-favoured nation status. As regards justice and home affairs (aspects of anti-drugs policy and money laundering), the emphasis is on action within the limits of the competences of the Community and Yemen. The actions specifically targeted at the most disadvantaged sections of the population are based on respect for human rights and will seek to attain sustainable development. The various fields of cooperation with which the agreement deals are as follows: .trade cooperation; .development cooperation: greater importance is assigned to reducing poverty and population growth in order to maintain sustainable socio-economic development; . economic cooperation: enhanced cooperation is planned (in particular, one paragraph provides for the initiation of regular dialogue about macroeconomic policy); .cooperation in the fields of environment, culture, science, development of social and human resources, tourism and regional cooperation; .financial cooperation. The agreement includes an evolutive clause whereby the fields of cooperation to which it applies may be extended. It also incorporates a joint declaration providing for enhanced cooperation with regard to the readmission of citizens who find themselves in an irregular situation in the territory of a Member State. In the institutional field, the agreement establishes a joint cooperation committee to set priorities under the agreement and ensure its proper application. Parliamentary cooperation is also provided for. ENTRY INTO FORCE: the agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and will enter into force when the parties have completed all the necessary procedures.