Basic information

1994/0029(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Sri Lanka agreement: cooperation and development agreement **Subject** 6.40.08 Relations with Asian countries **Geographical area** Sri Lanka	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	POLLACK Anita Jean (PSE)	26/07/1994

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	AELVOET Magda G.H. (V) GAWRONSKI Jas (LDR)	13/10/1994 31/03/1993
TRAN Transport and Tourism		
DEVE Development and Cooperation		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	1778	1994-07-18
Social Affairs	1836	1995-03-27

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/02/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0015	Summary
26/09/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/11/1994	Vote in committee		Summary

03/11/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0051/1994	
14/12/1994	Debate in Parliament		
27/03/1995	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
27/03/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/04/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1994/0029(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 130Y EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 113 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/05953

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0051/1994 OJ C 341 05.12.1994, p. 0004	03/11/1994	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0201/1994 OJ C 018 23.01.1995, p. 0138-0176	15/12/1994	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1994)0015 OJ C 086 23.03.1994, p. 0005	15/02/1994	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 1995/0129
OJ L 085 19.04.1995, p. 0032 Summary

EC/Sri Lanka agreement: cooperation and development agreement

1994/0029(CNS) - 27/03/1995 - Final act

The Council adopted this decision aimed at concluding a cooperation agreement with Sri Lanka for a period of five years. This agreement was based on respect for human rights and democratic principles and its main aim was to improve and develop cooperation between the parties through dialogue and partnership by promoting, in particular, the following sectors: - Trade and commercial cooperation, through which the parties would benefit from most-favoured nation treatment, in accordance with the GATT provisions, and improving mutual access to their markets; - Economic cooperation: facilitating access for Sri Lanka to Community know-how, technology and capital, developing contacts between economic operators, reinforcing mutual understanding of their respective economic, cultural and social environments; - Investment: establishing a more favourable climate for mutual investment, cooperation between financial institutions; - Private sector: it should be closely involved in the activities designed to meet the aims of the agreement; - Standardisation, certification, metrology: the parties would take steps to reduce their differences and develop compatible systems; - Intellectual property: the parties would work to improve the conditions for adequate and non-discriminatory protection; - Science and technology: fostering the transfer of know-how and stimulating innovation, disseminating information in science and technology, opening up opportunities for future economic, industrial and trade cooperation; - Agriculture and fisheries: increasing trade in these products, ensuring that veterinary and phytosanitary measures did not hinder such trade, promoting the linkage between agriculture and the rural environment, stepping up agricultural research; - Other aspects: tourism, information, communication and culture, development cooperation, poverty alleviation, the environment, human resource development, drug abuse control, regional cooperation. It included a clause enabling the parties to extend, where necessary, the scope of this agreement in order to develop certain activities or specific sectors. The agreement would be managed by a joint commission. It would enter into force on 1 April 1995 and would be tacitly renewed on a yearly basis unless one of the contracting parties denounced it six months before its expiry date.

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1994/0029(CNS) - 15/02/1994 - Legislative proposal

The purpose of this decision is to allow a new cooperation agreement to be concluded with Sri Lanka. This agreement will include the following aspects: - trade and commercial cooperation: the parties will grant each other most favoured nation status, in accordance with the GATT, and improve access to each other's markets; - economic cooperation: Sri Lanka will have access to Community know-how, technology and capital, contacts will be developed between economic operators and mutual understanding of the economic, cultural and social environments of each party will be strengthened; - investments: a climate conducive to mutual investment and cooperation between financial institutions will be developed; - private sector: the private sector will be closely involved in achieving the objectives of the agreement; - standardisation, certification, metrology: the parties will endeavour to reduce their differences and develop compatible systems; - intellectual property: the parties will endeavour to give each other adequate and non-discriminatory protection; - science and technology: transfers of know-how will be promoted, innovation will be stimulated, scientific and technological information will be disseminated and the potential for future economic, industrial and commercial cooperation will be developed; - agriculture and fisheries: the trade in goods will be increased, veterinary and phytosanitary measures which obstruct trade will be avoided, links between agriculture and the countryside will be promoted and agricultural research will be developed; - other aspects: tourism, information, communication and culture, development cooperation, fight against poverty, environment, human resources, fight against drugs, regional cooperation. The agreement will be managed by a joint committee.

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1994/0029(CNS) - 27/03/1995

The Council adopted the Decision concerning the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka relating to partnership and development. It will be remembered that the Agreement was signed, subject to conclusion, in Brussels on 18 July 1994 (see Press Release 8480/94, Presse 146). The Agreement is scheduled to enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Contracting Parties notify one another of the completion of the necessary procedures.

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1994/0029(CNS) - 15/12/1994 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Parliament approved the Commission proposal without amendments.