Basic information

1995/0132(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean association agreement See also 2004/0265(AVC) See also 2014/0118(NLE) See also 2018/0310(NLE) **Subject** 6.40.05.02 Relations with the countries of the Great Maghreb and Maghreb **Geographical area** Tunisia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	CALIGARIS Luigi (FE)	22/06/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		
BUDG Budgets	DI PRIMA Pietro Antonio (FE)	23/06/1995
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		
RELA External Economic Relations	BERÈS Pervenche (PSE)	21/06/1995
TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
DEVE Development and Cooperation	BALDINI Valerio (UPE)	19/07/1995

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	1825	1995-01-23
General Affairs	1871	1995-10-02

General Affairs	2066	1998-01-26
General Affairs	1830	1995-03-06
General Affairs	1844	1995-04-10
General Affairs	1827	1995-02-06
General Affairs	1864	1995-07-17

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
21/12/1994	Additional information		Summary
23/01/1995	Debate in Council		
06/02/1995	Debate in Council		
06/03/1995	Debate in Council		
10/04/1995	Debate in Council		Summary
31/05/1995	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0235	
06/07/1995	Legislative proposal published	07761/1995	Summary
18/09/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/11/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
21/11/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0298/1995	
13/12/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary
26/01/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/01/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/03/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0132(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Amendments and repeals	See also 2004/0265(AVC) See also 2014/0118(NLE) See also 2018/0310(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 238 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2 ECSC Treaty C 095
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/4/06969

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0298/1995 OJ C 017 22.01.1996, p. 0005	21/11/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0624/1995 OJ C 017 22.01.1996, p. 0138-0190	14/12/1995	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	07761/1995	06/07/1995	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	COM(1995)0235	31/05/1995	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 1998/0238
OJ L 097 30.03.1998, p. 0001 Summary

EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

1995/0132(AVC) - 17/07/1995

The Council adopted - without debate - decisions enabling the Agreement to be signed the same day (see Press Release CE-TU 2601/95, Presse 227).

EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

1995/0132(AVC) - 10/04/1995

There was general agreement on the whole of the new Agreement, apart from one problem still outstanding that the Permanent Representatives Committee was instructed to resolve at its meeting on 12 April 1995. The Commission should accordingly be able to initial the Agreement in the next few days.

EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

1995/0132(AVC) - 14/12/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr CALIGARIS (FE, I), the European Parliament gave its assent to the conclusion of the EU-Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean Agreement.

EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

1995/0132(AVC) - 26/01/1998 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to conclude a Euro-Mediterranean Assocation Agreement between the European Communities and Tunisia. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council and Commission Decision 98/238/EC, ECSC on the conclusion of a Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part. SUBSTANCE: The agreement is concluded for an indefinite period. Its purpose is to strengthen the existing ties between the Communities and their Member States and Tunisia by establishing relations based on reciprocity and partnership. Democracy clause: respect for democratic principles and human rights is one of the fundamental elements of the agreement. Main elements: the agreement provides for: -the institution of regular political dialogue at all levels (including security and regional development); -the creation of a free trade area: this is to be established gradually, in accordance with WTO rules, between the Community and Tunisia over a period not exceeding 12 years from the date of entry into force of the agreement. Tunisia, which hitherto has not granted any concessions to the Community, will gradually eliminate barriers to trade affecting the Community's exports of industrial goods, and will apply preferential tariffs to its agricultural exports. The Community preferential regime currently in force (complete opening of its market to Tunisia's industrial exports and concessions for the bulk of its agricultural exports) is confirmed, but is also improved as far as agricultural products are concerned. As regards olive oil, the preferential regime has been renewed for four years. The parties will have to reconsider the situation before deciding what regime is to apply thereafter. A specific clause stipulates that the agricultural trade situation is to be reviewed from 01.01.2000 with a view to determining new reciprocal concessions and attaining greater liberalization; -provisions on freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services: the Association Council will be asked to make recommendations in this field. Meanwhile the parties will consult together with the aim of ensuring completely free movement of capital. The agreement also provides for Community competition rules to apply to Tunisian businesses; -economic cooperation: the existing economic cooperation will be stepped up on the widest possible basis and will be the subject of regular dialogue. Intra-Maghreb integration will be a particular aim. The fields of cooperation particularly include regional cooperation, education and training, scientific cooperation, environment, industrial cooperation, promotion of investment, standardization, approximation of legislation, financial services, agriculture and fisheries, transport and energy, tourism, money laundering and combating drug use and trafficking; -social cooperation: a regular dialogue will be launched on all social topics of common interest. It will also concern cultural aspects of cooperation; -financial cooperation is also provided for, using appropriate arrangements and funding. An Association Council and an Association Committee with powers of decision are to be set up to implement the agreement. Cooperation between the European Parliament and its Tunisian counterpart will also be facilitated. ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT: 01.03.1998. It will replace the cooperation agreement and the agreement on ECSC products signed in 1976.

EC/Tunisia Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

1995/0132(AVC) - 06/07/1995 - Legislative proposal

The proposal of the Council and the Commission concerns the conclusion of a Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Tunisia, of the other part. The agreement replaces the cooperation agreement and the agreement on ECSC products signed in 1976, which are still in force. General principles: the agreement is concluded for an unlimited period and strengthens existing ties between the European Communities and the Member States, of the one part, and Tunisia, of the other part, by establishing relations based on reciprocity and partnership; Democracy clause: respect for democratic principles and human rights constitutes the fundamental element of the agreement; Main elements: - regular political dialogue at all levels; - the creation of a free-trade zone: this is to be established gradually, in accordance with WTO rules, between the Community and Tunisia over a maximum period of 12 years. Tunisia, which hitherto has not granted any concessions to the Community, will gradually eliminate barriers to trade affecting the Community's exports of industrial goods and will apply preferential tariffs to its agricultural exports. The Community preferential regime currently in force (complete opening of its market to Tunisia's industrial exports and concessions for the bulk of its agricultural exports) is confirmed, but is also improved as far as agricultural products are concerned. As regards olive oil, the preferential regime has been renewed for a period of 4 years. The parties will have to reconsider the situation before deciding what regime is to apply thereafter. A specific clause stipulates that the agricultural trade situation is to be reviewed from 1 January 2000 with a view to determining new reciprocal concessions and attaining greater liberalization; - the agreement contains provisions on freedom of establishment and liberalization of services: the Association Council will be asked to make recommendations in this field. Meanwhile, the parties will consult together with the aim of ensuring completely free movement of capital. The Agreement also provides for Community competition rules to apply to Tunisian businesses; - economic cooperation: the existing economic cooperation will be stepped up on the widest possible basis in all fields of interest to both parties and will be the subject of regular dialogue; - social cooperation is provided for which exceeds the existing provisions: a regular dialogue will be initiated to implement those provisions which relate to all social topics of common interest. This dialogue will be backed up by cultural cooperation; - financial cooperation is also provided for, using appropriate arrangements and funding. An Association Council and an Association Committee with powers of decision are to be set up to implement the Agreement. Cooperation between the European Parliament and the ESC and their Tunisian counterparts will also be facilitated.