Basic information

1995/0256(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Nepal agreement: cooperation agreement **Subject** 6.40.08 Relations with Asian countries **Geographical area** Nepal	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
DEVE Development and Cooperation	PETTINARI Luciano (GUE/NGL)	24/11/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	PRADIER Pierre (ARE)	22/11/1995
BUDG Budgets		
RELA External Economic Relations	POLLACK Anita Jean (PSE)	22/11/1994

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	1883	1995-11-21
Industry	1926	1996-05-20

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
19/10/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0488	Summary
15/12/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/03/1996	Vote in committee		Summary

11/03/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0072/1996	
19/04/1996	Debate in Parliament		
20/05/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
20/05/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
08/06/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0256(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 113 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 130Y EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	DEVE/4/07389

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0072/1996 OJ C 117 22.04.1996, p. 0003	11/03/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0212/1996 OJ C 141 13.05.1996, p. 0248-0277	19/04/1996	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1995)0488  OJ C 338 16.12.1995, p. 0010	19/10/1995	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 1996/0354
OJ L 137 08.06.1996, p. 0014 Summary

EC/Nepal agreement: cooperation agreement

1995/0256(CNS) - 19/10/1995 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: decision on the conclusion of a cooperation agreement between the Community and Nepal aimed at helping Nepal to expand its trade with the Community and at bolstering its economic development. SUBSTANCE: the agreement, founded on respect for human rights and democratic principles, covers the following areas of cooperation: . trade: most-favoured nation status is granted for customs duties, in accordance with the 1994 GATT provisions. These do not apply to preferences granted by each party under an agreement establishing a customs union, a free trade area or a preferential treatment zone (the Community has promised to help Nepal make best use of the advantages afforded by the 1995 GSP); measures are to be implemented to remove barriers to trade (particularly non-tariff barriers); customs cooperation; promotion of investment; protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property rights (particularly copyright, including software, trademarks, designs and models, integrated circuit diagrams and protection against unfair competition); . development cooperation: the Community will provide aid to implement projects to help the most deprived sections of the Nepalese population (the operations will seek, in particular, to promote balanced agricultural development and to create employment in rural areas); . economic cooperation: improving general economic conditions in Nepal, developing contacts between economic operators and facilitating the exchange of information (particularly among SMEs), promoting greater understanding of the respective economic, social and cultural environments; . scientific and technical cooperation: fostering two-way interinstitutional relations; . energy/environment: protecting natural forests and the urban environment; measures to combat industrial pollution and pollution of water, soil and air and to cushion the impact of tourism on the environment, etc.; . combating drugs and AIDS: preventing and reducing drug addiction and AIDS; . regional cooperation: promoting inter-regional trade with other countries in southern Asia (SAARC); supporting projects at regional level and promoting regional communications. The agreement establishes a joint committee, consisting of members of the Commission and representatives of the Member States and Nepal, which meets every two years to determine the priority objectives among the measures to be provided for in the agreement and to ensure that the agreement is being properly implemented. The agreement includes a clause relating to future developments. DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT: the agreement is initially valid for five years and may be renewed tacitly thereafter.

EC/Nepal agreement: cooperation agreement

1995/0256(CNS) - 19/04/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr PETTINARI (GUE, I), Parliament approved the conclusion of the cooperation agreement. In adopting the report by Mr Lutz GOEPEL (PPE,D), Parliament approved the provision which seeks to reduce the quantity of by-products made available as a result of the cultivation of oilseeds on land set aside, with a view to ensuring that the annual total quantity of one million tonnes of soya bean meal equivalents is not exceeded. However, Parliament called for no account to be taken of by-products which can be used for feed or food purposes and are used for other purposes (energy production or provision of humus). Parliament also called for the coefficient for calculating the soya bean meal equivalent of rapeseed and sunflower seed to be reduced. It proposed the following coefficients: - 100 kg of the by-products produced from rapeseeds shall be equivalent to 67 kg of soya bean meal; - 100 kg of the by-products of sunflower seeds shall be equivalent to 58 kg of soya bean meal.

EC/Nepal agreement: cooperation agreement

1995/0256(CNS) - 21/11/1995

The Council decided to proceed with the signing of the Cooperation Agreement between the Community and Nepal, the text of which was initialled on 13 July 1995. The signing took place on the morning of 20 November (see Press release 11718/95, Presse 330).

EC/Nepal agreement: cooperation agreement

1995/0256(CNS) - 20/05/1996 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: Decision on the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the Community and Nepal aimed at helping Nepal to expand its trade with the Community and at bolstering its economic development. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 96/354/EC concerning the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Nepal. CONTENT: the Agreement, founded on respect for human rights and democratic principles, covers the following spheres of cooperation: - trade: most-favoured-nation treatment is granted as regards customs duties, in accordance with the 1994 GATT provisions. These do not apply to the preferences accorded by each party under an agreement establishing a customs union, a free trade area, or a preferential treatment zone (the Community has promised to help Nepal make best use of the advantages afforded by the 1995 GSP); a systematic attempt is to be made to remove obstacles to trade (in particular non-tariff barriers); customs cooperation; promotion of investment; protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property rights (including copyright protection, covering software, trade marks, designs, models, integrated circuit diagrams, and protection against unfair competition); - development cooperation: the Community will provide aid to implement projects to help the most deprived sections of the Nepalese population (the operations will seek in particular to promote balanced agricultural development and to create jobs in rural areas); - economic cooperation: improving general economic conditions in Nepal, fostering contacts between firms and encouraging exchanges of information (particularly among SMEs), promoting greater understanding of the respective economic,

social and cultural environments; - scientific and technical cooperation: fostering two-way interinstitutional relations, particularly as regards standardisation and quality control; - energy/environment: protection of natural forests and the urban environment, measures to control industrial pollution and pollution of water, soil and air and to cushion the impact of tourism on the environment, etc.; - measures to combat drug abuse and AIDS: prevention and reduction of drug addiction and AIDS; - regional cooperation: promotion of inter-regional trade with other southern Asian countries (SAARC), support for projects at regional level and promotion of regional communications. A joint committee, consisting of members of the Commission and representatives of the Member States and Nepal, has been set up under the Agreement. It will meet every two years in order to determine the priority objectives among the measures provided for in the Agreement and to ensure that the Agreement is being properly implemented. The Agreement includes a clause relating to future developments. DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT: the Agreement is initially valid for five years and may be renewed tacitly thereafter. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 June 1996.

EC/Nepal agreement: cooperation agreement

1995/0256(CNS) - 20/05/1996

The Council took the decision to conclude a cooperation agreement between the Community and the Kingdom of Nepal , which had been signed in Brussels on 20 November 1995. This agreement was to take effect on the first day of the month following the date on which the parties to the agreement notified each other that the relevant procedures had been completed.