Basic information

1995/0261(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Mercosur agreement: interregional framework cooperation agreement **Subject** 6.40.10 Relations with Latin America, Central America, Caribbean islands	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	VALDIVIELSO DE CUÉ Jaime (PPE)	20/07/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	BERTENS Jan Willem (ELDR)	20/12/1995
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	CAMPOS António (PSE)	11/12/1995
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	ESTEVAN BOLEA María Teresa (PPE)	21/11/1995
TRAN Transport and Tourism		
DEVE Development and Cooperation	FERNÁNDEZ MARTÍN Fernando (PPE)	24/11/1995
PECH Fisheries		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	1853	1995-06-12
General Affairs	1883	1995-11-21
General Affairs	1871	1995-10-02
General Affairs	2168	1999-03-22

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
23/10/1995	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0504	
15/12/1995	Legislative proposal published	05398/1996	Summary
29/02/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/04/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
23/04/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0118/1996	
21/05/1996	Debate in Parliament		
22/03/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/03/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/04/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0261(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 228 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 130Y
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/07659

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0118/1996 OJ C 152 27.05.1996, p. 0003	23/04/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0231/1996 OJ C 166 10.06.1996, p. 0016-0040	21/05/1996	Summary

Council of the EU

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Final act	
Decision 1999/0279 OJ L 112 29.04.1999, p. 0065	Summary

EC/Mercosur agreement: interregional framework cooperation agreement

1995/0261(CNS) - 21/05/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Jaime VALDIVIELSO DE CUÉ (PPE, E), the European Parliament approved the conclusion of a framework agreement between the Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Mercosur and its member countries, of the other part. This agreement would support the regional integration process and was designed to give substance to the preparatory stage for a common strategy between the Union and Mercosur. The report welcomed the fact that the agreement attached special importance to respect for democratic principles and human rights, one of the foundations of cooperation. However, it criticised the absence of any explicit reference to parliamentary dialogue.

EC/Mercosur agreement: interregional framework cooperation agreement

1995/0261(CNS) - 22/03/1999 - Final act

PURPOSE : to conclude an interregional framework cooperation Agreement between the Member States and MERCOSUR (Southern Common Market) and its Party States (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay). COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 1999/279/EC concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the interregional framework cooperation agreemnt between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and MERCOSUR and its Party States, of the other part. CONTENT : the Agreement is concluded for an indefinite duration and aims to reinforce the existing links between the parties by laying down the conditions to the setting up of an interregional association and by intensifying the relations between the institutions of the two parties. It is based on the respect of democratic principles and human rights and is characterised by the following elements : - regular political dialogue at all levels: this will involve contacts, exchanges of information and meetings at the appropriate levels between the different authorities of the MERCOSUR and its Party States and the European Union; - commercial aspects: intensification of the relations in order to promote the increase and the diversification of exchanges and the subsequent liberalisation and progress of these exchanges. The Agreement will favour the creation of conditions to facilitate the setting up of the interregional association, taking into account the sensitivity of certain products, in conformity with the WTO. An economic and commercial dialogue is set up in order to reinforce this cooperation. Information is provided covering co-operation on agro-food standards, industrial cooperation, the recognition of conformity, customs matters, and on statistics and intellectual property; - economic section : the parties will facilitate, in respect of their mutual interest, the reciprocal expansion of their economy and the encouragement of international competitiveness. The Agreement consists of the regional treatment of all the cooperation activities. Economic co-operation will be the subject of a regular dialogue. In this framework, measures are provided on industrial, investment promotion, in the fields of energy, transport, telecommunications, scientific and technological development and in environmental protection; - to reinforce integration : the cooperation between the parties aims to support the integration processes of MERCOSUR and its Party States in all fields. The EC's system for exchanging information and technical assistance make provision to this effect. Measures are also laid down in order to encourage cooperation between the institutions of the European Union and of MERCOSUR and its Party States. - other fields of cooperation : the Agreement includes provisions that seek to improve cooperation in training and education, culture and the combat against drugs. An evolutionary clause is provided for the purpose of expanding the scope of EC/MERCOSUR cooperation. - implementation of the Agreement : a Cooperation Council is set up to supervise the good functioning of the Agreement andwill meet at ministerial level at regular intervals. ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT: 01.07.1999.

EC/Mercosur agreement: interregional framework cooperation agreement

1995/0261(CNS) - 02/10/1995

The Council was gratified to note that the negotiations with MERCOSUR concerning an inter-regional framework agreement on cooperation had been finalised in Montevideo at the close of the second negotiating session. It welcomed the initialling of the agreement in Montevideo on 29 September 1995. The agreement could therefore be signed on the occasion of the Madrid European Council.

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1995/0261(CNS) - 21/11/1995

Following its political agreement on 25 September last, the Council formally approved the inter-regional framework agreement on cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Southern Cone Common Market (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) and its States Parties, on the other hand. Signing will take place in the margins of the European Council meeting in Madrid. The Council also decided to apply provisionally certain provisions of the trade section of that agreement. As regards political cooperation, a statement annexed to the agreement lays down the objectives and the machinery of political dialogue between the parties to the agreement.

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1995/0261(CNS) - 12/06/1995

In accordance with the aims laid down in the Solemn Joint Declaration of December 1994 (see Press Release, 12398/94, Presse 281), the Council agreed on negotiating directives for an inter-regional framework agreement on trade and economic cooperation with Mercosur. The agreement is intended to strengthen existing relations between the parties, on the basis of the principles of reciprocity and community of interests, so as to establish a framework for a process leading towards the eventual creation of a political and economic inter-regional association. The Council also approved a draft joint Declaration on political dialogue between the European Union and Mercosur, which is to be put to Mercosur. The basic objective of the Declaration will be to reaffirm the commitment of the European Union and Mercosur to progressing towards the establishment of an inter-regional association and to establishing greater political dialogue for that purpose.

EC/Mercosur agreement: interregional framework cooperation agreement

1995/0261(CNS) - 15/12/1995 - Legislative proposal

- OBJECTIVE: conclusion of an interregional cooperation agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and MERCOSUR (Southern Common Market: Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay), of the other. - SUBSTANCE: . General principle: the agreement is concluded for an indefinite duration and aims to reinforce the existing links between the parties by laying down the conditions for establishing an interregional association and by intensifying the relations between the institutions of the two parties; . Democracy clause: the agreement is founded on the respect of democratic principles and human rights; . Main elements: - regular political dialogue at all levels: this will involve contacts, exchanges of information and meetings at the appropriate level between the different authorities of MERCOSUR and the European Union; - commercial category: intensification of the relations in order to promote the increase and the diversification of exchanges and the subsequent and progressive liberalisation of these exchanges. The agreement will favour the creation of conditions to facilitate the setting up of the interregional association, taking into account the sensitivity of certain products, in conformity with the WTO. An economic and commercial dialogue is set up in order to reinforce this cooperation. Measures are provided covering cooperation on agro-food standards, industrial cooperation, the recognition of conformity, customs matters, and on statistics and intellectual property; - economic category: the parties will facilitate, in respect of their mutual interest, the reciprocal expansion of their economy and the encouragement of international competitiveness. The agreement consists of the regional treatment of all the cooperation activities. Economic cooperation will be the subject of a regular dialogue. In this context, measures are provided which deal with industrial matters, investment promotion, the areas of energy, transport and telecommunications, scientific and technological development and environmental protection. - reinforcing integration: cooperation between the parties aims to support the integration processes of MERCOSUR in all fields. EC systems for exchanging information and technical assistance are provided to this effect. Measures are also laid down to encourage cooperation between the institutions of the European Union and of MERCOSUR. - other areas of cooperation: the agreement includes provisions which seek to improve cooperation in training and education, culture and the fight against drugs. An evolutionary clause is provided for the purpose of expanding the scope of the cooperation, if necessary. - implementation of the agreement: a Cooperation Council is set up to supervise the smooth functioning of the agreement and this will meet at ministerial level at regular intervals.