

## Basic information

1995/0363(AVC)

AVC - Assent procedure (historic)

EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

See also [2004/0292\(AVC\)](#)

See also [2007/0137\(AVC\)](#)

See also [2010/0125\(NLE\)](#)

See also [2010/0248\(NLE\)](#)

See also [2018/0256\(NLE\)](#)

### Subject

6.40.05.02 Relations with the countries of the Great Maghreb and Maghreb

### Geographical area

Morocco

Procedure completed

## Key players

European Parliament

### Committee responsible

AFET

Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy

### Rapporteur

VON HABSBURG Otto  
(PPE)

### Appointed

22/06/1995

### Committee for opinion

AGRI

Agriculture and Rural Development

### Rapporteur for opinion

The committee decided not to give an opinion.

### Appointed

BUDG

Budgets

FABRA VALLÉS Juan  
Manuel (PPE)

21/02/1995

ENER

Research, Technological Development and Energy

IZQUIERDO COLLADO  
Juan de Dios (PSE)

06/02/1996

RELA

External Economic Relations

MIRANDA DE LAGE Ana  
(PSE)

21/06/1995

TRAN

Transport and Tourism

DEVE

Development and Cooperation

PETTINARI Luciano (GUE  
/NGL)

20/12/1995

PECH

Fisheries

CUNHA Arlindo (ELDR)

23/01/1996

Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>
	General Affairs	1853	1995-06-12
	General Affairs	1878	1995-10-31
	General Affairs	1871	1995-10-02
	General Affairs	2239	2000-01-24
	General Affairs	1827	1995-02-06
	General Affairs	1830	1995-03-06
	General Affairs	1825	1995-01-23
	General Affairs	1844	1995-04-10
	General Affairs	1847	1995-05-29
	General Affairs	1903	1996-02-26

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
05/01/1995	Additional information		<a href="#">Summary</a>
06/02/1995	Debate in Council		
06/03/1995	Debate in Council		
10/04/1995	Debate in Council		
29/05/1995	Debate in Council		
12/06/1995	Debate in Council		
02/10/1995	Debate in Council		
31/10/1995	Debate in Council		<a href="#">Summary</a>
20/12/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0740 	<a href="#">Summary</a>
29/02/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/05/1996	Vote in committee		<a href="#">Summary</a>
29/05/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0173/1996</a>	
05/06/1996	Debate in Parliament		<a href="#">Summary</a>
24/01/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
24/01/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
18/03/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	1995/0363(AVC)

<b>Procedure type</b>	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	International agreement
<b>Amendments and repeals</b>	See also <a href="#">2004/0292(AVC)</a> See also <a href="#">2007/0137(AVC)</a> See also <a href="#">2010/0125(NLE)</a> See also <a href="#">2010/0248(NLE)</a> See also <a href="#">2018/0256(NLE)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 310 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a2 ECSC Treaty C 095
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	AFET/4/07675

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0173/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 181 24.06.1996, p. 0003</a>	29/05/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T4-0309/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 181 24.06.1996, p. 0010-0015</a>	06/06/1996	<a href="#">Summary</a>
European Commission				
Document type		Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(1995)0740</a> 	20/12/1995	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Follow-up document		<a href="#">COM(2008)0476</a> 	24/07/2008	<a href="#">Summary</a>

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	

Final act	
<a href="#">Decision 2000/0204</a> <a href="#">OJ L 070 18.03.2000, p. 0001</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>

## EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

1995/0363(AVC) - 24/01/2000 - Final act

PURPOSE: concluding a Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and Morocco, on the other hand.

COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council and Commission Decision 2000/204/EC, ESCC on the conclusion of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part.

CONTENT: the general aim of the agreement is to consolidate the existing ties between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and Morocco, on the other hand. In addition, this Decision shall create a relationship based on reciprocity and partnership. Furthermore, the respect for democratic principles and human rights are a key feature in this agreement.

The main provisions in this Agreement are:

- the regular political dialogue at all levels;
- the creation of a free trade area: in accordance with the WTO rules, a free trade area between the Community and Morocco will be created gradually over a period lasting no more than 12 years. Morocco, which up until now has granted the Community no concessions, will gradually eliminate trade barriers affecting the Community's industrial exports, and will apply preferential duties to agricultural exports. The preferential arrangements currently applied by the Community (free market access for Moroccan industrial exports, and concessions on most agricultural exports) are confirmed.
- the agreement contains provisions on freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services.

The EC/Morocco Association Council will make its recommendations aimed at implementing these objectives.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.03.2000.

## **EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean association agreement**

1995/0363(AVC) - 06/06/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report of Mr von HABSBURG (EPP, D), the European Parliament gave its assent to the conclusion of this agreement.

## **EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean association agreement**

1995/0363(AVC) - 26/02/1996

The Council approved the outcome of negotiations, as reported by the Commission. It decided to sign the Agreement, which was done on 26 February 1996 alongside the Council meeting. It also sought the European Parliament's assent to the Agreement in question.

## **EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean association agreement**

1995/0363(AVC) - 31/10/1995

The Council on the basis of a Commission report, took stock of the negotiations and prospects for the conclusion of the Association Agreement with Morocco. The Council devoted more particular attention to the various components of the overall solution covering the agricultural sector and tinned sardines. In this context, it took note of the more detailed information provided by the Commission regarding the counter-concessions offered by Morocco. The Council noted that several delegations needed more time to assess fully the constituent parts of the proposed Agreement. At the same time, the Council noted the determination of all the Member States to do their utmost to ensure that negotiations with Morocco could very shortly be brought to a conclusion. With this in mind, the Presidency decided to suspend the Council meeting until Friday, 10 November 1995, emphasising that this was only a suspension and that the meeting would resume on that date. In the meantime, the Presidency and the Commission would continue their contacts with the various Member States and Morocco with a view to concluding the negotiations. The Council continued its discussions of 30 October on the various outstanding components of the negotiations with Morocco on an Association Agreement between the EU and Morocco. The Council focused in particular on certain problems relating to the agricultural sector and tinned sardines. At the end of the meeting, the Council reached agreement on an overall package that would make it possible to conclude the negotiations with Morocco. As a result, it called on the Commission to initial the Association Agreement on this basis. The Commission would also initial the new fisheries agreement with Morocco. The Council was very pleased that the negotiations had been completed at a time that was propitious for the success of the Euro-Mediterranean Conference in Barcelona.

## **EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean association agreement**

1995/0363(AVC) - 24/07/2008 - Follow-up document

PURPOSE: to implement Article 84 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Morocco, of the other part, in order to set up a customs cooperation committee and amend the rules of procedure of certain sub-committees and working groups of the Association Committee.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: in March 2000, the EU-Morocco Association Agreement came into force. The Agreement includes the setting up of seven sub-committees on: internal market, industry, trade and services, transport, environment and energy, research and innovation, agriculture and fisheries, justice and security, and human rights, democratisation and governance. The Agreement also provides for the establishment of a customs cooperation committee, a working party on social matters and migration and an economic dialogue.

However, in 2005 an amendment to Protocol 4 of the EU-Morocco Association Agreement concerning the definition of "originating products and methods of administrative cooperation" resulted in the removal of any reference to the customs cooperation committee. As a result, a new legal basis for the establishment of the customs cooperation committee will need to be created.

In a further development, and within the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy approved in 2005, an Action Plan was adopted with the dual purpose of setting out concrete steps towards fulfilling the parties' obligations as set out in the Association Agreement and to provide a broader framework for further strengthening EU-Morocco relations. Under the terms of the Actions Plan, the sub-committees (outlined above) will be responsible for implementing the plan. However, not all areas covered by the Action Plan are covered by the existing subcommittees. Steps must therefore be taken to ensure that all the subject areas are monitored by the sub-committees. This will require adjustments to the rules of procedure of the internal market, industry, trade and services, transport, environment and energy, agriculture and fisheries, and justice and security sub-committees. Decision 1/2003 of the EU-Morocco Association Council will need to be amended accordingly.

In addition, the economic dialogue established by the Association Agreement does not, as yet, have rules of procedure, unlike the other bodies. The aim of this proposal therefore is to draw up rules of procedure governing the organisation of meetings of the economic dialogue group and its remit. The operating rules of the customs cooperation committee and economic dialogue group are modelled on the procedures of the existing subcommittees. They will be chaired by the European Commission with the Member States being informed of and invited to the meetings.

## EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

1995/0363(AVC) - 20/12/1995 - Legislative proposal

-OBJECTIVE : Conclusion of a Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and Morocco, on the other hand. This agreement will replace the cooperation agreement and the agreement governing ECSC products signed in 1976 which are currently in force. - SUBSTANCE: .General principle : the agreement is for an unlimited period, and will consolidate the existing ties between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and Morocco, on the other hand, creating a relationship based on reciprocity and partnership; Democratic clause : respect for democratic principles and human rights are a key feature of the agreement; .Main provisions : - regular political dialogue at all levels ; - creation of a free trade area : in accordance with the WTO rules, a free trade area between the Community and Morocco will be created gradually over a period lasting no more than twelve years. Morocco, which up to now has granted the Community no concessions, will gradually eliminate trade barriers affecting the Community's industrial exports, and will apply preferential duties to agricultural exports. The preferential arrangements currently applied by the Community (free market access for Moroccan industrial exports, and concessions on most agricultural exports) are confirmed, and will be further improved with regard to agricultural products). A specific solution had to be found in order to apply the entry-price system introduced in the wake of the Uruguay Round for a number of products, in order to maintain the traditional level of Moroccan exports. More generally, it should be noted that the agreement contains a special clause under which the parties undertake to examine the agricultural trade situation from 1 January 2000 to establish new reciprocal concessions and to liberalize trade. With regard to fishery products, account has been taken of the particular matter of Morocco's exports of canned sardines. - the agreement contains provisions on freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services. The EC/Morocco Association Council will make its recommendations aimed at implementing these objectives, pending which the parties will respect their obligations under the GATS. The parties will also hold consultations aimed at fully ensuring the free movement of capital. The agreement also provides for the application of Community competition rules to Moroccan companies (and notably rules on transparency). - economic cooperation : existing economic cooperation will be strengthened on as wide a basis as possible in all areas of interest to the two parties, who will hold a regular dialogue on these issues. - social cooperation will go beyond existing provisions: a regular dialogue will cover all social issues of interest to the two parties. This dialogue will be complemented by cultural cooperation. - financial cooperation will assist in attaining the aims of the agreement in accordance with the appropriate procedures and resources. -to supervise implementation of the agreement, an Association Council and an Association Committee with decision-making powers shall be created. At the same time, cooperation between the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee and their Moroccan counterparts will be promoted.