Basic information

1995/2022(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
EU/Mexico relations: closer relations **Subject** 6.40.10 Relations with Latin America, Central America, Caribbean islands **Geographical area** Mexico	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	MIRANDA DE LAGE Ana (PSE)	22/02/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	FERNÁNDEZ-ALBOR Gerardo (PPE)	12/04/1995
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	PEIJS Karla M.H. (PPE)	18/04/1995
DEVE Development and Cooperation		

Council of the European Union

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
08/02/1995	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1995)0003	Summary
13/03/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/10/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
31/10/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0270/1995	
16/11/1995	Debate in Parliament		
17/11/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		

04/12/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1995/2022(COS)
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Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/06421

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0270/1995 OJ C 323 04.12.1995, p. 0005	31/10/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0571/1995 OJ C 323 04.12.1995, p. 0142-0163	17/11/1995	Summary

European Commission

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1995/2022(COS) - 17/11/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs MIRANDA DE LAGE (PSE, E), the European Parliament welcomed the decision of 2 May 1995 concerning the rapid conclusion of a political, economic and commercial agreement between the European Union and Mexico. However, it called for this agreement to include a democratic clause (respect for human rights and democracy). Although it supported the reforms implemented in the country, the EP highlighted the fact that Mexico needed to create the basic framework for sustainable development. It also supported the establishment of future political dialogue, which should include consultation at parliamentary level between members of the Mexican Congress and Members of the European Parliament. Parliament was equally in favour of the conclusion of a new preferential agreement and the eventual establishment of a free trade area in the industrial and services sector as well as progressive, reciprocal liberalisation of agricultural trade. It asked that the harmonisation of standards together with provisions on scientific and technological cooperation be included in the agreement. Furthermore, as a safety measure, Mexico should be able to benefit from a reasonable margin of preference in its access to the Community market if it suffered significant market losses. The future agreement should also guarantee Community undertakings parity of treatment and of access to the Mexican market with US or Canadian undertakings. At the same time, the EP believed that this agreement should be accompanied by a significant increase in financial aid from the Community with the goal of encouraging European private investment and economic and social development in Mexico in accordance with the arrangements made with the CEECs. Provision should also be made for EIB loans. Finally, Parliament highlighted for the Commission the importance of a detailed study of the technical issues raised by the negotiation of this new agreement, particularly the definition of a transition period for industrial products, the arrangements for the progressive, reciprocal liberalisation of agricultural trade, and the rules of origin that would apply, in view of the discrepancies between NAFTA and European Union rules for certain industries, such as motor vehicles, textiles, and so on.

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1995/2022(COS) - 08/02/1995 - Non-legislative basic document

In its communication to the Council and the European Parliament, the Commission examines how the Community could achieve closer relations with Mexico. The Commission starts by defining the main strategic implications of these relations, recent developments in Mexico and its place on the international stage. It then goes on to detail specific measures which could be taken in order to achieve closer relations. The Commission considers that the only way to do justice to the mutual interests of the Union and Mexico is to conclude an agreement governing economic partnership and political dialogue, the objective of which would be to implement stronger cooperation between the EC and Mexico on the basis of a fair and mutually supportive partnership in the economic, political and commercial sectors. This agreement would need to take account of the Community's international obligations vis-α-vis the WTO and would include three main strands: - political strand: dialogue based on respect for human rights and democratic principles, good management of public affairs and the rule of law would form the basis of overall relations between the parties. Bilateral meetings (EU-Mexico) would therefore be arranged at the highest level (president, ministers etc); - economic strand: as far as economic and commercial relations are concerned, the agreement should make express provision for the gradual and mutual liberalisation of all trade (taking account of the sensitivity of certain products). A special protocol would need to make provision to combat fraud, provide reciprocal administrative assistance in the customs sector and for rules of origin. Particular attention would need to be paid to the gradual and mutual liberalisation of investment terms and regulations governing goods and services; - cooperation strand: cooperation would be achieved by reinforcing programmes to bring companies together and cooperation between administrations, implementing projects to promote the transfer of European environmental know-how and developing cooperation in science and education. In addition, Mexico could take part in certain European industrial, cultural, R&D, information technology and telecommunications cooperation projects. Finally, specific areas of cooperation could be developed, such as statistics, customs, competition, indirect taxation, standards and energy. The Commission will propose a draft directive for negotiating this new agreement during the course of 1995.