Basic information

1996/2114(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic) Strategy for partnership EU/India **Subject** 6.40.08 Relations with Asian countries **Geographical area** India	Procedure completed

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	ANDRÉ-LÉONARD Anne (ELDR)	09/09/1996

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	MALERBA Franco E. (UPE)	25/07/1996
DEVE Development and Cooperation		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	1977	1996-12-06

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/06/1996	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1996)0275	Summary
19/07/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/12/1996	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
17/02/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
17/02/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0066/1999	
12/03/1999	Debate in Parliament		
12/03/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		

21/06/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/2114(COS)
Procedure type	COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)
Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 148
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/4/08030

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0066/1999 OJ C 153 01.06.1999, p. 0003	17/02/1999	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0204/1999 OJ C 175 21.06.1999, p. 0418-0442	12/03/1999	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(1996)0275	26/06/1996	Summary

Strategy for partnership EU/India

1996/2114(COS) - 12/03/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The Parliament adopted a Resolution on the Commission's communication on EU-India Enhanced Partnership, drafted by Ms. Anne ANDRE-LEONARD (ELDR, Belgium). Although the EP voted its support for a strong EU-India relationship, it did, however, strongly condemn the nuclear tests conducted by both India and Pakistan. Parliament also indicated its concerns regarding religious tension and the exploitation of children.

Strategy for partnership EU/India

1996/2114(COS) - 26/06/1996 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: The subject of this communication is to suggest ways of enhancing relations between the EU and India. SUBSTANCE: The Commission takes the view that the current agreement between the EU and India provides an opportunity for attaining the objective which the Union has set itself - to strengthen and deepen the partnership between the two partners - and it draws up suggestions in that respect, without excluding the possibility of a new agreement, should the opportunity present itself. The communication emphasizes the mutual interests of the EU and India and the challenge to be taken up by the EU with regard to that country with an emerging economy which constitutes an enormous potential market. It intends to step up relations on the political, commercial and economic level within the framework of the existing agreement and of the broader framework of its new strategy for Asia. With a view to stepping up partnership between the EU and India, the Commission proposes to: 1. intensify the political dialogue by increasing the number of contacts within its working parties with a view to arriving at arrangements and sectoral agreements concerning, for example, dual-use products, drug precursors and money laundering and to looking more closely at issues such as climate change and the cultural dimension; 2. facilitate trade and investment by negotiating the elimination of existing barriers on the basis of the most-favoured nation clause and by the promotion

of contacts between undertakings. Priority should be given to the maritime transport, telecommunications, energy and agriculture sectors; 3. help India to cushion the impact of its structural adjustment on the poorest part of the Indian population while continuing to support health and education, especially for women. The Commission emphasizes that undertakings will be able to put forward their points of view at the forum on investment in trade and cooperation scheduled to be held in November 1996. The EU/India Joint Commission (scheduled to meet in December 1996) will then be able to validate a list of priority measures and determine a detailed activity programme.