




Basic information	
<p><b>1997/0289(AVC)</b> AVC - Assent procedure (historic)</p> <p>EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement</p> <p>See also <a href="#">2000/0024(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2000/0296(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2004/0085(AVC)</a> See also <a href="#">2006/0259(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2013/2818(RSP)</a></p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.10 Relations with Latin America, Central America, Caribbean islands</p> <p><b>Geographical area</b></p> <p>Mexico</p>	Procedure completed

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations		MIRANDA DE LAGE Ana (PSE)	25/07/1996
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		SALAFRANCA SÁNCHEZ-NEYRA José Ignacio (PPE)	09/12/1997
	<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation		DIMITRAKOPOULOS Giorgos (PPE)	25/02/1998
	Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>		<b>Meetings</b>
General Affairs		1844	1995-04-10	
General Affairs		1878	1995-10-31	
General Affairs		2057	1997-12-08	
General Affairs		1903	1996-02-26	
General Affairs		1922	1996-05-13	
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)		2288	2000-09-28	
Fisheries		1998	1997-04-14	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/04/1995	Debate in Council		<a href="#">Summary</a>
31/10/1995	Debate in Council		
26/02/1996	Debate in Council		<a href="#">Summary</a>
14/04/1997	Debate in Council		
21/10/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0527 	<a href="#">Summary</a>
16/01/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/04/1999	Vote in committee		<a href="#">Summary</a>
21/04/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0220/1999</a>	
05/05/1999	Debate in Parliament		
28/09/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
28/09/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/10/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1997/0289(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Amendments and repeals	See also <a href="#">2000/0024(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2000/0296(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2004/0085(AVC)</a> See also <a href="#">2006/0259(CNS)</a> See also <a href="#">2013/2818(RSP)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 133 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 044-p1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 071 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 047 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 057-p2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 055 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 181
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/09672

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary

Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0220/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0006</a>	21/04/1999	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0451/1999 <a href="#">OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0258-0404</a>	06/05/1999	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>European Commission</b>			
<b>Document type</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Legislative proposal	COM(1997)0527  <a href="#">OJ C 350 19.11.1997, p. 0006</a>	21/10/1997	<a href="#">Summary</a>

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

<b>Final act</b>	
<a href="#">Decision 2000/0658</a> <a href="#">OJ L 276 28.10.2000, p. 0044</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>

## EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement

1997/0289(AVC) - 06/05/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report drafted by Ms. Miranda DE LAGE (PES, E), the European Parliament gave its assent to the conclusion of the Partnership, Political Co-ordination and Co-operation Agreement with Mexico.

## EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement

1997/0289(AVC) - 28/09/2000 - Final act

**PURPOSE** : conclusion of a political, economic and trade agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Mexico, of the other part. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Decision 2000/658/EC concerning the conclusion of the Economic Partnership, Political Co-ordination and Co-operation Agreement between the European Community and its, Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part. **CONTENT** : the agreement, signed in Brussels on 8.12.1997 is concluded for an indefinite period, the object being to strengthen existing relations between the parties on the basis of reciprocity and mutual interest by institutionalising an intensified political dialogue, the progressive liberalisation of trade and the broadening of co-operation. It is made up of the main elements: - Democracy clause: respect for democratic principles and human rights constitutes an essential element of the agreement. However, Mexico, in a unilateral declaration, draws attention to the constitutional line of its foreign policy; - Regular political dialogue: institutionalisation of political dialogue at the highest level covering all matters of mutual interest; - Trade: the agreement establishes a legal framework to develop bilateral and preferential, progressive and reciprocal liberalisation of trade in goods and services, taking into account the sensitive nature of certain products and in accordance with the relevant WTO rules. The arrangements and timetable for such liberalisation was drawn up in 2000 by the Joint EU-Mexico Council established by the Agreement (CNS/2000/0296). Provision is also made for arrangements to encourage the liberalisation of capital movements and payments, competition, protection of intellectual property and the opening up of public procurement; - Economic matters: regular dialogue will be instituted in order to improve economic co-operation. This covers all areas: industrial co-operation, investment promotion, financial services, SMEs, technical regulations and conformity assessment, customs co-operation, the information society, science and technology, energy, transport, communications, tourism, environment and

natural resources, and co-operation on agriculture and fisheries. Other areas of co-operation: the agreement also contains provisions designed to improve co-operation on social issues and poverty, regional matters, public administration, information and culture, training and education, drugs, consumer protection, health, development of the civil society, and aid for refugees from Central America living in Mexico. A future development clause will allow the scope of co-operation to be broadened if necessary. A joint declaration confirms the parties' obligations on maritime transport services undertaken as members of the WTO and OECD; - Resources for co-operation: the parties undertake to make available the appropriate financial and other resources needed to implement the agreement (encouraging the EIB to intensify its investment in Mexico). At institutional level, the agreement establishes a Joint Council to supervise its implementation at ministerial level. The Joint Council is assisted by a Joint Committee and special committees. A joint declaration makes provision for dialogue at parliamentary level. It should also be noted that a national security clause providing that a party of the Agreement can take every measure that it judges necessary when its main interests concerning security are in danger. This clause also applies to the production and the trade of arms when there are serious threats to the internal public peace. The Agreement also consists of the most-favoured-nation-treatment, except in financial matters. ENTRY INTO FORCE : the Agreement shall enter into force on 01.10.2000. The decisions adopted, up to then, in the framework Agreement of the Intermediary EU-Mexico Agreement shall be adopted in accordance with this Agreement (in particular conclusions of the first trade matters of the Agreement - CNS/2000/0024).

## **EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement**

1997/0289(AVC) - 26/02/1996

The Council reviewed the main points still outstanding as regards negotiating directives for a new agreement with Mexico. These included the precise framing of the objective of the agreement and the procedures for implementing that objective. It should be noted that the negotiation of a new political, economic and trade agreement comes in response to the joint solemn declaration signed by the EU and Mexico in Paris on 2 March 1995 and the Madrid European Council conclusions calling, in addition to a political dialogue, in particular for the progressive, reciprocal liberalization of trade in goods and services and of investment, having due regard to the sensitiveness of certain products and in accordance with relevant WTO rules. At the end of discussions, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to take the matter forward in the light of today's discussions and with the intention of coming to a conclusion at the earliest opportunity.

## **EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement**

1997/0289(AVC) - 13/05/1996

In continuing its discussions on the preparation of a mandate for negotiations on a new agreement the Council approved the proposal for a compromise from the President on the aims of the agreement and the procedures needed to achieve these objectives. The Council had thereby established a political agreement on the negotiation directives that were to be formally adopted.

## **EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement**

1997/0289(AVC) - 21/10/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a political, economic and trade agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Mexico, of the other part. SUBSTANCE: the draft agreement, initialled by the parties on 23 July 1997, will replace the framework agreement for cooperation between the Community and Mexico signed on 26 April 1991. It will be concluded for an indefinite period, the object being to strengthen existing relations between the parties on the basis of reciprocity and mutual interest by institutionalizing an intensified political dialogue, the progressive liberalization of trade and the broadening of cooperation. - Democracy clause: respect for democratic principles and human rights constitutes an essential element of the agreement. However, Mexico, in a unilateral declaration, draws attention to the constitutional line of its foreign policy. - Regular political dialogue: institutionalization of political dialogue at the highest level covering all matters of mutual interest. - Trade: the agreement establishes a legal framework to develop bilateral and preferential, progressive and reciprocal liberalization of trade in goods and services, taking into account the sensitive nature of certain products and in accordance with the relevant WTO rules. The arrangements and timetable for such liberalization will be drawn up by the Joint EU-Mexico Council established by the agreement in the context of negotiations on this subject. Provision is also made for arrangements to encourage the liberalization of capital movements and payments, competition, protection of intellectual property and the opening up of public procurement. - Economic matters: regular dialogue will be instituted in order to improve economic cooperation. This covers all areas: industrial cooperation, investment promotion, financial services, SMEs, technical regulations and conformity assessment, customs cooperation, the information society, science and technology, energy, transport, communications, tourism, environment and natural resources, and cooperation on agriculture and fisheries. - Other areas of cooperation: the agreement also contains provisions designed to improve cooperation on social issues and poverty, regional matters, public administration, information and culture, training and education, drugs, consumer protection, health, development of the civil society, and aid for refugees from Central America living in Mexico. A future development clause will allow the scope of cooperation to be broadened if necessary. A joint declaration confirms the parties' obligations on maritime transport services undertaken as members of the WTO and OECD. - Resources for cooperation: the parties undertake to make available the appropriate financial and other resources needed to implement the agreement (encouraging the EIB to intensify its investment in Mexico). At institutional level, the agreement establishes a Joint Council to supervise its implementation at ministerial level. The Joint Council is assisted by a Joint Committee and special committees. A joint declaration makes provision for dialogue at parliamentary level.

# **EC/Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement**

1997/0289(AVC) - 10/04/1995

The Council approved the main points of the strategy proposed by the Commission. It requested the Commission, pursuant to the conclusions of the Corfu and Essen European Councils, to submit to it in 1995 draft negotiating directives for a new political, commercial and economic agreement between the European Union and Mexico, in the light of the considerations set out in the Commission communication and of developments in the general situation in Mexico. The Council agreed to make a periodic assessment of progress in implementing these conclusions. In this connection, it approved a draft joint solemn declaration by the European Union and Mexico, which it decided to sign shortly.