Basic information

1998/0199(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Pakistan agreement: cooperation agreement **Subject** 6.40.08 Relations with Asian countries **Geographical area** Pakistan	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	BROK Elmar (PPE-DE)	14/04/2004

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	LUDFORD Baroness Sarah (ELDR)	20/02/2002
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	BERENGUER FUSTER Luis (PSE)	24/01/2002
DEVE Development and Cooperation	SANDBÆK Ulla Margrethe (EDD)	23/01/2002

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	1922	1996-05-13
General Affairs	2206	1999-10-11
General Affairs	1943	1996-07-15
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2579	2004-04-29

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
External Relations	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
19/11/1996	Additional information		Summary
01/12/1998	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0357	
18/06/1999	Legislative proposal published	08108/1999	Summary
13/12/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/04/2004	Vote in committee		
14/04/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0275/2004	
21/04/2004	Debate in Parliament		
22/04/2004	Decision by Parliament	T5-0365/2004	Summary
29/04/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/04/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/12/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1998/0199(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 133 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 181
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/4/11374

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0275/2004	14/04/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0365/2004 OJ C 104 30.04.2004, p. 0746-0988 E	22/04/2004	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	08108/1999	18/06/1999	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	COM(1998)0357 OJ C 017 22.01.1999, p. 0006	01/12/1998	

Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2004/0870
OJ L 378 23.12.2004, p. 0022-0036 Summary

EC/Pakistan agreement: cooperation agreement

1998/0199(CNS) - 15/07/1996

The Council authorised the Commission to negotiate the agreement.

EC/Pakistan agreement: cooperation agreement

1998/0199(CNS) - 29/04/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to conclude the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2004/870/EC.

CONTENT : the Council approved the conclusion of a Co–operation Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Signed in Islamabad in November 2001, the Agreement will enable the EU to better and more closely engage with Pakistan in a structured fashion on issues of bilateral, regional and international importance.

An EU–Pakistan Joint Commission, meeting normally once a year, will be established to oversee implementation of the Agreement.

The Agreement is based on the respect for human rights and democratic principles as laid down in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights underpins the domestic and international policies of the Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and constitutes an essential element of this Agreement.

The principal objectives of this Agreement are to enhance and develop, through dialogue and partnership, the various aspects of cooperation between the Parties in the areas which fall within the bounds of their respective competences, with the following aims:

- to secure the conditions for and to promote the increase and development of two-way trade between the Parties in accordance with the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation (WTO);

- to support Pakistan’s efforts for comprehensive and sustainable development, including economic and social development policies which take account of the poor and disadvantaged sections of its population, particularly omen in these sections, as well as sustainable management of natural resources;

- to promote investment and economic, technical and cultural links in their mutual interest;

- to build Pakistan’s economic capability to interact more effectively with the Community.

The main elements are as follows:

- trade: the parties are required to ensure that their trade policy complies with the rules of the CMO and to inform each other of the opening of antidumping procedures; provisions have been included to extend and diversify trade. There are plans for Pakistan to join a series of international conventions on intellectual property once the agreement has been applied for 5 years;

- development: projects are planned with a view to strengthening cooperation in the following sectors: health and education, social welfare, better opportunities for women, environmental rehabilitation and rural development, the objective being to help the least-favoured sections of the population.

Priority will be granted to controlling drugs and combatting AIDS.

Specific provisions are planned with a view to strengthening cooperation in the field of the environment by promoting permanent development in the economic sector by supporting trade and developing the economic climate in Pakistan. Other provisions concern industry and services, agriculture, tourism, energy, sciences and technology. Plans have also been made to promote regional cooperation, develop human resources, strengthen cultural links and combat money laundering. The Agreement establishes a mixed committee of members in senior positions both in the European Union and in Pakistan. It will meet once a year in order to ensure that the agreement is being applied properly and establish priorities for action.

The Agreement contains an evolutive clause which allows the level of cooperation to be increased.

It has been concluded for an initial period of five years, tacitly renewable. It should be noted that the Agreement contains two annexed declarations, one on non-performance of the agreement (in the event of substantial violation of the agreement, which may result in unilateral measures being taken) and another defining intellectual, industrial and commercial property for the purposes of the agreement. A joint declaration on the re-admission of illegal immigrants is attached to the agreement but is not an integral part of it. This declaration seeks to detail Pakistan's undertaking to start negotiations

in this field with the Member States of the European Union who so request.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Parties notify each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose. This Agreement is concluded for a period of five years. It shall be automatically renewed on a yearly basis unless one of the Parties renounces it at least six months before its expiry date.

EC/Pakistan agreement: cooperation agreement

1998/0199(CNS) - 22/04/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

By adopting the report by Elmar BROK (EPP-ED, D), the European Parliament accepted the position by the committee responsible and approves the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Partnership and Development. However, the Parliament asks the Commission to present to Parliament one year after the entry into force of the agreement a report on its implementation and on its effect on human rights and democratisation and, should there be no improvement in human rights and democracy, to consider what steps are necessary.

EC/Pakistan agreement: cooperation agreement

1998/0199(CNS) - 18/06/1999 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to conclude a cooperation agreement between the Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. CONTENTS: the draft agreement is based on the tenets of human rights and democratic principles. It is a non-preferential agreement with no financial protocol and seeks mainly to improve and develop the various aspects of economic and commercial cooperation through dialogue and partnership. The main objectives of the draft agreement are the promotion of investment and economic and cultural links between the Community and Pakistan and support for Pakistan's efforts to achieve overall, lasting social and economic development, especially in the least-favoured sections of the population. The main elements are as follows: - trade: the parties are required to ensure that their trade policy complies with the rules of the CMO and to inform each other of the opening of antidumping procedures; provisions have been included to extend and diversify trade. There are plans for Pakistan to join a series of international conventions on intellectual property once the agreement has been applied for 5 years; - development: projects are planned with a view to strengthening cooperation in the following sectors: health and education, social welfare, better opportunities for women, environmental rehabilitation and rural development, the objective being to help the least-favoured sections of the population. Priority will be granted to controlling drugs and combatting AIDS. Specific provisions are planned with a view to strengthening cooperation in the field of the environment by promoting permanent development in the economic sector by supporting trade and developing the economic climate in Pakistan. Other provisions concern industry and services, agriculture, tourism, energy, sciences and technology. Plans have also been made to promote regional cooperation, develop human resources, strengthen cultural links and combat money laundering. The draft agreement establishes a mixed committee of members in senior positions both in the European Union and in Pakistan. It will meet once a year in order to ensure that the agreement is being applied properly and establish priorities for action. The draft agreement contains an evolutive clause which allows the level of cooperation to be increased. It has been concluded for an initial period of five years, tacitly renewable. It should be noted that the draft agreement contains two annexed declarations, one on non-performance of the agreement (in the event of substantial violation of the agreement, which may result in unilateral measures being taken) and another defining intellectual, industrial and commercial property for the purposes of the agreement. A joint declaration on the re-admission of illegal immigrants is attached to the agreement but is not an integral part of it. This declaration seeks to detail Pakistan's undertaking to start negotiations in this field with the Member States of the European Union who so request.