Basic information

1998/0304(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Turkmenistan agreement: interim agreement on trade **Subject** 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.04.06 Relations with central Asian countries **Geographical area** Turkmenistan	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	CASPARY Daniel (PPE-DE)	18/01/2005

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	MAAT Albert Jan (PPE-DE)	27/01/2000

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	BEGLITIS Panayiotis (PSE)	13/09/2004

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	SOULADAKIS Ioannis (PSE)	25/01/2000

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2957	2009-07-27

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
External Relations	FERRERO-WALDNER Benita

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
02/12/1998	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0617	Summary
13/12/1999	Legislative proposal published	05144/1999	Summary
21/01/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/03/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
24/03/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0085/2006	
25/03/2009	Debate in Parliament		
26/03/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/03/2009	Decision by Parliament		
02/04/2009	Decision by Parliament		
22/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0253/2009	Summary
22/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
27/07/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
27/07/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
08/07/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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European Parliament

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Committee opinion	AFET	PE364.991	22/03/2006	
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reading		A6-0085/2006	24/03/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0253/2009	22/04/2009	Summary

Council of the EU

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Final act

Decision 2011/0188
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1998/0304(CNS) - 13/12/1999 - Legislative proposal

This document constitutes the entire Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part.

EC/Turkmenistan agreement: interim agreement on trade

1998/0304(CNS) - 22/04/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

After two successive votes (26 March and 2 April 2009), the European Parliament finally adopted by 469 votes to 162, with 44 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving unamended, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council and Commission decision on the conclusion of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part.

In parallel, MEPs adopted a resolution tabled by several political groups following a number of oral questions on the issue (please refer to RSP/2009/2513).

EC/Turkmenistan agreement: interim agreement on trade

1998/0304(CNS) - 27/07/2009 - Final act

PURPOSE: the conclusion of an Interim Agreement between the European Community and Turkmenistan on trade and trade-related matters.

ACT ADOPTED BEFORE THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE LISBON TREATY: Council Decision 2011/188/EC on the conclusion by the European Community of the Interim Agreement between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part, on trade and trade-related matters.

BACKGROUND: pending the entry into force of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part, signed in Brussels on 25 May 1998, it is necessary to approve on behalf of the European Community, the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part, signed in Brussels on 10 November 1999.

CONTENT: by means of this Decision, the Interim Agreement between the European Community, EURATOM, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part, on trade and trade-related matters, together with its Annexes, the Protocol and the declarations, and the Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Turkmenistan amending the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part, as regards the authentic language versions, which amends Article 31 of that Interim Agreement are hereby approved on behalf of the European Community.

These texts are attached to this Decision.

The main provisions of this Interim Agreement are as follows:

- **trade in goods:** the Parties shall accord to one another most-favoured- nation treatment in all areas in respect of all sectors;
- **payments, competition and other economic provisions:** the Parties undertake, in particular, to authorise, in freely convertible currency, any current payments between residents of the Community and of Turkmenistan.

Joint Committee: a Joint Committee to perform the duties assigned to it by this Agreement until the Cooperation Council provided for in Article 77 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement is established. The Joint Committee may, for the purposes of attaining the objectives of the Agreement, make recommendations in the cases provided for therein. It shall draw up its recommendations by agreement between the Parties. Provisions are foreseen for the settlement of disputes between the parties.

Specific provisions:

Nothing in the Agreement shall prevent a Party from taking any measures:

- which it considers necessary to prevent the disclosure of information contrary to its essential security interests;
- which relate to the production of, or trade in arms, munitions or war materials or to research, development or production indispensable for defence purposes, provided that such measures do not impair the conditions of competition in respect of products not intended for specifically military purposes;
- which it considers essential to its own security in the event of serious internal disturbances affecting the maintenance of law and order, in time of war or serious international tension constituting threat of war or in order to carry out obligations it has accepted for the purpose of maintaining peace and international security;
- (which it considers necessary to respect its international obligations and commitments in the control of dual use industrial goods and technology.

Anti-discrimination rules: in the fields covered by this Agreement, it is stipulated that:

- the arrangements applied by Turkmenistan in respect of the Community shall not give rise to any discrimination between the Member States, their nationals or their companies or firms,
- the arrangements applied by the Community in respect of Turkmenistan shall not give rise to any discrimination between Turkmen nationals, or Turkmen companies or firms.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision takes effect on 27 July 2009. The agreement is applicable until the entry into force of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement initialled on 24 May 1997.

EC/Turkmenistan agreement: interim agreement on trade

1998/0304(CNS) - 02/12/1998 - Initial legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to conclude an interim agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the EC and Turkmenistan.

CONTENT : The proposal aims to conclude an interim agreement allowing the provisional application of certain clauses in the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the EC and Turkmenistan. The interim agreement is concluded for a period terminating at the point where the Partnership agreement enters into force. It replaces the commercial provisions in the Agreement on economic and commercial cooperation signed on 18/12/1989 between the EC and the ex-USSR.