Basic information

2002/0077(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic) EC/Algeria agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement See also 2006/0254(AVC) See also 2014/0195(NLE) **Subject** 6.40.05.02 Relations with the countries of the Great Maghreb and Maghreb **Geographical area** Algeria	Procedure completed

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	OBIOLS Raimon (PSE)	29/09/1999

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
DEVE Development and Cooperation	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2674	2005-07-18
Agriculture and Fisheries	2422	2002-04-22

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
External Relations	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
		COM(2002)0157	

22/03/2002	Initial legislative proposal published		
12/04/2002	Initial legislative proposal published	06786/2002	Summary
10/06/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/07/2002	Legislative proposal published	10819/2002	Summary
11/09/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
11/09/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0299/2002	
09/10/2002	Debate in Parliament		
10/10/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0463/2002	Summary
18/07/2005	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/07/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		
10/10/2005	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/0077(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Amendments and repeals	See also 2006/0254(AVC) See also 2014/0195(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 310
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/5/16083

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0299/2002	11/09/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0463/2002 OJ C 279 20.11.2003, p. 0021-0118 E	10/10/2002	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	06786/2002	12/04/2002	Summary
Legislative proposal	10819/2002 OJ C 262 29.10.2002, p. 0030 E	16/07/2002	Summary

European Commission

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Initial legislative proposal	COM(2002)0157	22/03/2002	

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2005/0690 OJ L 265 10.10.2005, p. 0001-0225	Summary

EC/Algeria agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

2002/0077(AVC) - 10/10/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution, drafted by Raimon OBIOLS I GERMA (PES, Spain) giving assent to the conclusion of the EC-Algeria Association Agreement.

EC/Algeria agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

2002/0077(AVC) - 16/07/2002 - Legislative proposal

This proposal aims to establish a Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. This document is the final text of the Agreement signed by the European Community in Valencia on 22 April 2002. The text is similar to the previous version therefore please refer to the summary dated 12/04/02 for information concerning the content of the Agreement.

EC/Algeria agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

2002/0077(AVC) - 18/07/2005 - Final act

PURPOSE : to conclude a Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement with Algeria.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2005/690/EC on the conclusion of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, of the other part

CONTENT : The Council adopted this Decision concluding a new Euro-Mediterranean association agreement with Algeria. The agreement, signed in 2002, is intended to strengthen the bilateral relations by institutionalizing closer co-operation in political, economic and social areas. It will commit both sides to further liberalisation of bilateral trade in goods, services and capital and will help to ensure that European and Algerian business communities and consumers benefit from the further development of international trade and investment.

The agreement will enter into force on 1 September 2005. Negotiations between the EU and Algeria started in 1997 and were concluded in 2001. The new agreement will replace an existing co-operation agreement dating from 1976.

The main components of the Agreement are as follows:

-Regular political dialogue.

-A free trade area, to be established in stages, in accordance with WTO rules, between the Community and Algeria, over a maximum period of 12 years.

-With regard to industrial products, the preferential arrangements for Algerian products introduced under the 1976 Cooperation Agreements are confirmed. Algeria will liberalise the arrangements applying to imports of EU origin on a reciprocal basis. The liberalisation will be phased according to the sensitivity of the products.

-Specific reciprocal concessions are proposed for agricultural products, processed agricultural products and fishery products. The Parties will consider new reciprocal concessions within five years of the entry into force of the Agreement.

-The Agreement contains provisions related to free trade in goods in the areas of liberalisation of the provision of services, capital movements, competition rules, intellectual property rights and public procurement.

-The objective of economic cooperation will be to support Algeria's own efforts to achieve sustainable economic and social development. The 1976 Cooperation Agreements set out the main themes of action on economic cooperation: industrial, scientific, technical and technological cooperation, environmental protection, cooperation on fisheries, energy, promotion of regional cooperation and boosting private investment. The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement will strengthen this type of cooperation. New themes are also being introduced: education and training, standardization and conformity assessment, approximation of legislation, financial services, agriculture, transport, telecommunications and information technology, tourism and customs.

-The provisions concerning workers in the 1976 Cooperation Agreement are maintained, notably those relating to non-discrimination in respect of conditions of work, pay and dismissal and social security provision. In addition to these, the new Agreement will introduce social cooperation.

-With a view to achieving the Agreement's objectives, financial cooperation will be implemented for

Algeria. This will in particular entail modernising the Algerian economy, upgrading economic infrastructure, promoting private investment and job-creating activity, taking into account the effects of the gradual creation of a free trade area on the economy and flanking measures to support social policy.

-The Agreement contains extensive provisions on cooperation in the field of justice and home affairs, which is one of its most important features. Institution-building and strengthening the rule of law are the cornerstones of action in this field. On the subject of movement of persons, both parties have agreed to examine ways of simplifying and speeding up procedures for issuing visas to those contributing to the implementation of the Agreement. Cooperation in the area of control and prevention of illegal immigration will be given effect through the negotiation of readmission agreements. Cooperation is also envisaged in the legal and judicial field and in the areas of organised crime, money-laundering, racism and xenophobia, drugs and drug addiction and corruption. In the area of action against terrorism, cooperation will be implemented in compliance with international conventions and in the framework of the relevant Security Council resolutions.

The Association Council will meet at ministerial level once a year where possible to discuss the major problems arising in the framework of the Agreement and issues of mutual interest.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : The Agreement must be ratified by all Member States.

EC/Algeria agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

2002/0077(AVC) - 12/04/2002 - Initial legislative proposal

PURPOSE: To propose a Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. CONTENT: The European Commission has been conducting on-going negotiations with the Republic of Algeria since 1996 with the remit to finalise a new Association Agreement between the two bodies. It will replace the Co-operation Agreement and the Agreement on ECSC products signed in 1976 both of which are still in force. The Agreement will be concluded for an unlimited duration and will help strengthen existing ties between the Community and Algeria by establishing relations based on reciprocity and partnership. Respect for human rights and democratic principles will play an essential element. The main components of the Agreement are: - Regular political dialogue. - A free trade area. It will be established over a period of 12 years and in accordance with WTO rules. - Provisions on services, capital movements, competition rules, intellectual property rights and public procurement. - Supporting sustainable economic and social development, with the introduction of new elements relating to education and training, standardisation and conformity assessment, approximation of legislation, financial services, agriculture, transport, telecommunications and information technology, tourism and customs. - Provisions on workers. - Extensive provisions on Justice and Home Affairs - indeed this is deemed one of its most important features and includes co-operation in the area of control and prevention of illegal immigrations, organised crime, money-laundering, racism, xenophobia, drugs and drug addiction and the fight against terrorism. - Standard and general institutional provisions such as annual ministerial meetings. In light of the satisfactory conclusions reached between the Community and Algeria the Commission urges the Council, following the consent of the European Parliament, to approve the signature for the Agreement and conclude the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement as soon as possible. Ratification by all Member States is a prerequisite for the entry into force of the Agreement.