Basic information

2002/0083(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic) EC/Lebanon agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement See also 2007/0078(NLE) See also 2008/0027(NLE) See also 2014/0110(NLE) See also 2015/0292(NLE) **Subject** 6.40.05.04 Relations with the countries of the Mashreq **Geographical area** Lebanon	Procedure completed

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	GALEOTE Gerardo (PPE-DE)	23/09/1999

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

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2447	2002-07-22
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2707	2006-02-14
Agriculture and Fisheries	2422	2002-04-22

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
External Relations	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
08/04/2002	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0170	Summary

16/07/2002	Legislative proposal published	10820/2002	Summary
23/09/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
27/11/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
27/11/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0410/2002	
15/01/2003	Debate in Parliament		
16/01/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0018/2003	Summary
14/02/2006	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
14/02/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/05/2006	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/0083(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Amendments and repeals	See also 2007/0078(NLE) See also 2008/0027(NLE) See also 2014/0110(NLE) See also 2015/0292(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 310
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/5/16145

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0410/2002	27/11/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0018/2003 OJ C 038 12.02.2004, p. 0282-0307 E	16/01/2003	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	07293/2002	18/04/2002	
Legislative proposal	10820/2002	16/07/2002	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

Initial legislative proposal	COM(2002)0170	08/04/2002	Summary

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

Final act	
Decision 2006/0356 OJ L 143 30.05.2006, p. 0001-0188	Summary

EC/Lebanon agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

2002/0083(AVC) - 08/04/2002 - Initial legislative proposal

PURPOSE : proposal on the conclusion of a Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the EC and its Member States, and Lebanon.
CONTENT : Lebanon's relations with the EC are presently covered by the Co-operation Agreement of 3 May 1997. The proposed Association Agreement will establish a new, closer relationship within the context of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership launched by the Barcelona Declaration. With eight of the nine non-candidate countries of the Partnership linked to the EU by an Association Agreement, the Barcelona Declaration project is close to reality. The EU-Lebanon Agreement is similar in content and pattern to the other association agreements in the region. It will have an unlimited duration and focuses on the following main elements: - a regular political dialogue; - economic, social and cultural dialogue; - a progressive establishment of a free-trade area between the EC and Lebanon over a maximum period of 12 years, in conformity with WTO rules; - for industrial products, the preferential regime accorded to Lebanese exports to the Community under the 1978 Co-operation Agreement is reconfirmed. Reciprocally, Lebanon will liberalise its import regime for Community products so that tariffs are reduced to zero by the end of the 12 year transition period after entry into force of the Agreement. - for processed agricultural products, specific reciprocal concessions are foreseen; - agricultural products from Lebanon to the EC will be liberalised, except for a list of sensitive products for which zero tariff quotas will apply. Products from the EC will enter Lebanon on a concessional basis. New reciprocal tariff concessions will be examined by both sides five years after entry into force of the Agreement. - provisions for enhanced regional co-operation, including the creation of a regional Euro-Mediterranean free trade area. - provisions on the movement of persons, the rights of establishment, the supply of services, payments, competition, the movement of capital, intellectual property protection, and public procurement; - provisions for economic and financial cooperation; - commitments and cooperation in the control of illegal immigration and in re-admission, drugs and organised crime and money laundering; - the establishment of an Association Council and an Association Committee; - the Association Council will take measures to promote cooperation between the European Parliament and the Lebanese Parliament. A proposed Interim Agreement will cover the trade-related elements of the Association Agreement.

EC/Lebanon agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

2002/0083(AVC) - 16/01/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the report of Gerardo GALEOTE QUECEDO (EPP-ED, Spain) and gave its assent to the conclusion of the EC-Mediterranean Association Agreement with Lebanon.

EC/Lebanon agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

2002/0083(AVC) - 16/07/2002 - Legislative proposal

This proposal for a Decision concerns the conclusion of a Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the EC and its Member States, and Lebanon. This document consists of the final text of the agreement as signed by the parties (subject to a eventual conclusion on a later date). The text of the agreement is, on the whole, similar to its previous version (to refer to the preceding summary).

EC/Lebanon agreement: Euro-Mediterranean association agreement

2002/0083(AVC) - 14/02/2006 - Final act

PURPOSE : to conclude a Euro-Mediterranean association agreement with Lebanon.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2006/356/EC concerning the conclusion of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part.

CONTENT : the Council adopted a decision approving a Euro-Mediterranean association agreement between the EU and Lebanon, signed in Luxembourg on 17 June 2002. The agreement is aimed at providing political dialogue, establishing conditions for the gradual liberalisation of trade in goods, services and capital and promoting economic, social, cultural, financial and monetary cooperation.

The EU-Lebanon Agreement is similar in content and pattern to the other association agreements in the region. It will have an unlimited duration and focuses on the following main elements:

1) a regular political dialogue;

2) economic, social and cultural dialogue;

3) a progressive establishment of a free-trade area between the EC and Lebanon over a maximum period of 12 years, in conformity with WTO rules:

- for industrial products, the preferential regime accorded to Lebanese exports to the Community under the 1978 Co-operation Agreement is reconfirmed. Reciprocally, Lebanon will liberalise its import regime for Community products so that tariffs are reduced to zero by the end of the 12 year transition period after entry into force of the Agreement;

- for processed agricultural products, specific reciprocal concessions are foreseen;

- agricultural products from Lebanon to the EC will be liberalised, except for a list of sensitive products for which zero tariff quotas will apply. Products from the EC will enter Lebanon on a concessional basis. New reciprocal tariff concessions will be examined by both sides five years after entry into force of the Agreement;

4) provisions for enhanced regional co-operation, including the creation of a regional Euro-Mediterranean free trade area;

5)provisions on the movement of persons, the rights of establishment, the supply of services, payments, competition, the movement of capital, intellectual property protection, and public procurement;

6) provisions for economic and financial cooperation in several sectors, including environment, culture, tourism, energy and investment;

7) commitments and cooperation in the control of illegal immigration and in re-admission, drugs and organised crime and money laundering.

There are also provisions on the establishment of an Association Council and an Association Committee. The Association Council will take measures to promote cooperation between the European Parliament and the Lebanese Parliament.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : the Agreement enters into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which the Parties notify each other that the Agreement has been approved by the Parties in accordance with their own procedures.