Basic information

2002/0104(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Palestine, refugees: aid to the countries in the Near East 2002-2005, 11th EC/UNRWA Convention **Subject** 7.10.06 Asylum, refugees, displaced persons; Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) **Geographical area** Palestine	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
DEVE Development and Cooperation	FLESCH Colette (ELDR)	28/05/2002

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	20/06/2002

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2448	2002-09-23

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
03/05/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0238	Summary
13/05/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/07/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
11/07/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0262/2002	
03/09/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0386/2002	Summary

23/09/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
23/09/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/10/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/0104(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 181
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	DEVE/5/16225

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0262/2002	11/07/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0386/2002 OJ C 272 13.11.2003, p. 0029-0273 E	03/09/2002	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2002)0238 OJ C 203 27.08.2002, p. 0142 E	03/05/2002	Summary

Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2002/0817
OJ L 281 19.10.2002, p. 0010 Summary

Palestine, refugees: aid to the countries in the Near East 2002-2005, 11th EC/UNRWA Convention

2002/0104(CNS) - 23/09/2002 - Final act

PURPOSE : to conclude a new Convention (11th) EC/UNRWA on Community aid to UNRWA programmes as well as to it's food aid programme. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2002/817/EC on the conclusion of the Convention between the European Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries in the Near East (2002 to 2005). CONTENT : the Council approved the Convention between the European Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East (2002 to 2005). UNRWA shall receive support to its regular programmes (General Fund) of : - EUR 55,000,000 in 2002 (NB: EUR 45 million are currently foreseen on the UNRWA budget line and will be increased to EUR 55 million subject to budgetary availability); - EUR 57,750,000 in 2003; - EUR 60,637,500 in 2004; - EUR 63,669,375 in 2005. The appropriations under the new convention are intended as contribution towards the financing of UNRWA's regular programmes for around 3.9 million Palestine refugees in five fields of operation: Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. It would also allow for the annual negotiation of the Community contribution to the food aid programme. Taking into account the annual evaluation of the needs of the refugee population, other Community resources can also be mobilised for UNRWA's food aid programme to meet the specific needs of vulnerable groups. The amounts, quantities and characteristics of the commodities, cash and services provided and all other conditions related to support to the food aid programme will be subject to separately agreed conditions, based on annual requests from UNRWA. If necessary, during the life of the Convention, the parties can by mutual agreement increase or decrease those parts of the contributions otherwise fixed under this Convention, on the basis of an exchange of letters between the Community and UNRWA. By the end of 2003, political developments regarding the refugees will be reviewed by the parties, and an evaluation made of any plans UNRWA has formulated. If, during the life of the Convention, any or all of the functions of UNRWA are transferred to the Palestinian Authority or to any other body, necessary adjustments will be made to those parts of the Community contribution to UNRWA under the Convention, on the basis of an exchange of letters between the Community and UNRWA. ENTRY INTO FORCE : the decision shall enter into force on 23/09/2002.

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2002/0104(CNS) - 03/09/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Colette FLESCH (ELDR, L) and made one amendment to the Commission's proposal. It stated that the final amount of the contribution from the EU budget would be established in the annual budgetary procedure by the budgetary authority.

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2002/0104(CNS) - 03/05/2002 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : Conclusion of a new convention between the EC and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries in the Near East for 2002-2005. CONTENT : The tenth Convention concluded with the UNRWA expired on 31/12/01. The current crisis in the Middle Easqt has put an additional burden on UNRWA, which contributes to facilitating access to basic social services, reduciton of poverty and an improvement of refugees living standards. Community assistance to UNRWA is an important element in stabilising the situation in the Middle East and furthermore forms part of the campaign against poverty in developing countries. It therefore contributes to the sustainable economic and social development of the population and the host countries where Palestinian refugees live. An eleventh Convention is therfore concluded for four years. The Community contribution will not exceed EUR 55 million in 2002, EUR 57.5 million in 2003 and EUR 60,637,500 in 2004 and EUR 63,669,375 in 2005. Other Community resources can also be mobilised for UNRWA's food aid programme to meet the specific needs of vulnerable groups. The amounts and quantities and all other conditions related to supporting the food aid programme will be subject to separatley agreed conditions. If it is the case that any of the functions of UNRWA is passed to the Palestinian Authority during the period 2002-2005, adjustments will be made in the Community contribution to UNRWA under the Convention.