Basic information

2004/2195(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Recommendation on EU-India relations **Subject** 6.40.08 Relations with Asian countries **Geographical area** India	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	MENÉNDEZ DEL VALLE Emilio (PSE)	13/09/2004

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
27/07/2004	Non-legislative basic document published	B6-0005/2004	
05/10/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
20/10/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0024/2004	
26/10/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
27/10/2004	Debate in Parliament		
28/10/2004	Decision by Parliament	T6-0044/2004	Summary
28/10/2004	Results of vote in Parliament		
28/10/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/2195(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure

Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 134o-p3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/6/24354

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document		B6-0005/2004	27/07/2004	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0024/2004	20/10/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0044/2004 OJ C 174 14.07.2005, p. 0063-0179 E	28/10/2004	Summary

Recommendation on EU-India relations

2004/2195(INI) - 28/10/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on an own-initiative report drafted by Emilio MENÉNDEZ del VALLE ahead of the 5th EU-India summit on 8 November. Parliament recommended that the Council take the decision to upgrade the EU-India relationship to a Strategic Partnership. It called for a continued strong trade relationship with India. On security matters, Parliament called for strengthened cooperation on conflict prevention and post-conflict economic reconstruction and rehabilitation. Global concerns such as non-proliferation and disarmament, terrorism and organised crime also need to be addressed. Parliament proposed expanding the mandate of the EU-India Joint Working Group on Anti-Terrorism to cover security co-operation as a whole, focusing also on money laundering, cyber-terrorism and narco-terrorism. It also supported India's application for privileged country status with EUROPOL. It stressed that cooperation in the field of security policy is all the more urgent since the US has decided to start exporting nuclear and other advanced technology to India again for the first time since 1998.

Regarding the Kashmir issue, Parliament welcomed the dialogue between India and Pakistan and hoped it would have a fruitful conclusion. On other issues, Parliament called on the EU, with its significant experience of regional integration, to promote regional cooperation in South East Asia. It called for dialogue with India on cross-cutting issues such as good governance, environment, industrial policy, competition issues, defence equipment, and strategic sectors such as the information society, transport, energy, biotechnology and co-operation on space-related matters.

In the light of institutional reform at the UN, Parliament supports the continuing dialogue and calls for the coordination of positions in the preparation, negotiation and implementation of major multilateral conventions in the UN.

Finally, MEPs call for the enhancement of civil society contacts and cultural relations, specifically through the establishment of an EU-India Centre for Indian Studies.