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| 2008/0136(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision | Awaiting final decision |
| EC/Côte d'Ivoire stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement Subject 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.06 Relations with ACP countries, conventions and generalities Geographical area Côte d'Ivoire | |

| Key players | | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | INTA International Trade | | MANN Erika (PSE) | 09/09/2008 |
| | Committee for opinion | | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | DEVE Development (Associated committee) | | VAN HECKE Johan (ALDE) | 15/07/2008 |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | | Meetings | Date |
| | Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN | | 2906 | 2008-11-21 |
| | Education, Youth, Culture and Sport | | 3595 | 2018-02-15 |
| European Commission | Commission DG | | Commissioner | |
| | Trade and Economic Security | | DE GUCHT Karel | |

| Key events | | | |
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| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
| 10/07/2008 | Preparatory document | COM(2008)0439  | Summary |
| 10/02/2009 | Legislative proposal published | 05535/2009 | Summary |
| 19/02/2009 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 19/02/2009 | Referral to associated committees announced in Parliament | | |

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| 16/03/2009 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 18/03/2009 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A6-0144/2009 | |
| 23/03/2009 | Debate in Parliament |  | |
| 25/03/2009 | Decision by Parliament | T6-0184/2009 | Summary |
| 25/03/2009 | Results of vote in Parliament |  | |
| 02/12/2009 | Additional information | | Summary |
| 15/02/2018 | Debate in Council | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure type | NLE - Non-legislative enactments |
| Procedure subtype | Consent by Parliament |
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| Stage reached in procedure | Awaiting final decision |
| Committee dossier | INTA/6/66015 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | |
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| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
| Committee draft report | | PE420.085 | 18/02/2009 | |
| Committee opinion | DEVE | PE418.111 | 10/03/2009 | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A6-0144/2009 | 18/03/2009 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T6-0184/2009 | 25/03/2009 | Summary |
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| National parliaments | IPEX | |
| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

EC/Côte d'Ivoire stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement

2008/0136(NLE) - 25/03/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 457 votes to 80, with 42 abstentions, a legislative resolution and gave its assent to the conclusion of the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Côte d'Ivoire, of the other part.

It should be noted that this legislative resolution is linked to a joint resolution on the conclusion of the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement EC-Côte d'Ivoire (see [RSP/2009/2537](#)) which was adopted on the same day.

EC/Côte d'Ivoire stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement

2008/0136(NLE) - 10/07/2008 - Document attached to the procedure

PURPOSE: to propose the signature and the provisional application of a stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Côte d'Ivoire, of the other part.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: the content of this provisional Agreement is identical to that of the general Agreement. For more details, please refer to the summary of the Commission's initial proposal of 10/07/2008.

To recall, this stepping stone Agreement concerns trade and development cooperation issues linking the Community and its Member States and Côte d'Ivoire.

EC/Côte d'Ivoire stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement

2008/0136(NLE) - 10/07/2008 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude the **stepping stone** Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the **Côte d'Ivoire**, of the other part.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the **stepping stone EPA** has been negotiated with Côte d'Ivoire in order to avoid disrupting trade between this country and the Community on the expiry on 31 December 2007 of the trade provisions set out in Annex V of the Cotonou Agreement and the WTO waiver that covered them, and pending the completion of a comprehensive EPA with the whole West African region.

Following the initialling of this Agreement respectively on 7 December 2007, Côte d'Ivoire was added to the list of countries benefiting from an EPA trade regime established by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1528/2007](#), adopted on 20 December 2007. This Regulation provided for an advance application of the EPA trade regime.

The negotiation of a full EPA with the whole West African region continues, consistently with the negotiating directives for EPAs with the ACP States adopted by Council on 12 June 2002. The countries of this region are:

- Benin,
- Burkina Faso,
- Ivory Coast,
- Guinea Bissau,
- Mali,
- Niger,

- Senegal,
- Togo,
- Cape Verde,
- Gambia,
- Ghana,
- Guinea,
- Liberia,
- Nigeria,
- Sierra Leone,
- Mauritania.

CONTENT: the stepping stone EPA, which the Commission request the Council to conclude on behalf of the Community, after assent by the European Parliament, contains provisions on:

- Trade in Goods,
- Customs and Trade Facilitation,
- Technical Barriers to Trade,
- Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

There are also **Development Cooperation provisions** setting out priority areas of action for the implementation of the EPA. Each individual substantive chapter of the Agreement includes specific areas of cooperation and a Development Cooperation declaration establishes the link with the EU Aid for Trade strategy and recalls the Commission's and Member States' intention to contribute to a regional development fund.

The Agreement also foresees the continuation of negotiations at regional level on investment, services and trade related issues and provides that the full regional EPA will supersede it once concluded.

Provisional application: pending the entry into force of the stepping stone EPA, the stepping stone EPA foresees the provisional application of the Agreement (see COM(2008)0438).

Lastly, the European Parliament will be called upon to give its assent to the conclusion of the stepping stone EPA.

EC/Côte d'Ivoire stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement

2008/0136(NLE) - 10/02/2009 - Legislative proposal

This proposal for a decision forms the legal basis by which the Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part conclude a stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement.

The content of the Agreement is consistent with the Commission's initial proposal (please refer to the summary of the initial proposal dated 10 July 2008). The Agreement was initialled on 7 December 2007 and has been provisionally applied pending its entry into force.

The Agreement requires the European Parliament's assent.

The text of the Agreement is attached to the proposal for a decision and can be found in Council document *12129/08*.