Basic information

2010/0343(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
International Cocoa Agreement 2010 **Subject** 3.10.06.10 Tropical plants 6.20.05 Multilateral and plurilateral economic and trade agreements and relations	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	MOREIRA Vital (S&D)	26/01/2011
	Shadow rapporteur KÖSTINGER Elisabeth (PPE) BEARDER Catherine (ALDE) STURDY Robert (ECR) SCHOLZ Helmut (GUE/NGL)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	3158	2012-03-26

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
International Cooperation and Development	PIEBALGS Andris

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
		COM(2010)0705	Summary

01/12/2010	Preparatory document		
27/05/2011	Legislative proposal published	09771/2011	Summary
13/09/2011	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/01/2012	Vote in committee		
01/02/2012	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0024/2012	Summary
13/03/2012	Debate in Parliament		
14/03/2012	Decision by Parliament	T7-0081/2012	Summary
14/03/2012	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/03/2012	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/03/2012	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/04/2012	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2010/0343(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207-p4 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207-p3
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/7/04746

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE476.071	22/11/2011	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0024/2012	01/02/2012	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0081/2012	14/03/2012	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	08134/2011	02/05/2011	
Legislative proposal	09771/2011	27/05/2011	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2010)0705	01/12/2010	Summary
Commission document (COM)	COM(2015)0410	28/08/2015	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2012/0189
OJ L 102 12.04.2012, p. 0001 Summary

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2010/0343(NLE) - 01/02/2012 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on International Trade unanimously adopted the report drafted by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT) in which it recommends the European Parliament to give its consent to the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the International Cocoa Agreement 2010.

Members consider that this issue merits to be addressed separately in a resolution of the International Trade Committee, to be adopted alongside this report in order to raise awareness on the problematic of child labour on cocoa fields.

International Cocoa Agreement 2010

2010/0343(NLE) - 14/03/2012 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the International Cocoa Agreement 2010.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

In a joint resolution adopted on the same day, Members expressed their position on the concerns about child labour in the cocoa sector (see RSP/2011/2957).

International Cocoa Agreement 2010

2010/0343(NLE) - 26/03/2012 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the International Cocoa Agreement 2010.

NON- LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2012/189/EU on the conclusion of the International Cocoa Agreement 2010.

BACKGROUND: on 25 June 2010 the negotiating conference, established under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, approved the text of the International Cocoa Agreement 2010. The Agreement was negotiated to replace the International Cocoa Agreement 2001, which has been extended until 30 September 2012.

In view of the outcome of the talks and the substance of the new instrument, it is in the European Union's interest to approve the results of the negotiation.

Given that:

- the aims of the Agreement fall under the common commercial policy,
- the European Union is a party to the 2001 Agreement, and the signature of the Agreement and the deposit of its instrument of provisional application have already been authorised by Council Decision 2011/634/EU,

It is therefore in the interest of the Union to conclude the Agreement.

CONTENT: by this Decision, the International Cocoa Agreement 2010 is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.

Objectives: with a view to strengthening the global cocoa sector, supporting its sustainable development and increasing the benefits to all stakeholders, the objectives of the Seventh International Cocoa Agreement are:

- to promote international cooperation in the world cocoa economy;
- to provide an appropriate framework for discussion on all cocoa matters among governments, and with the private sector;
- to contribute to the strengthening of the national cocoa economies of Member countries, through the preparation, development and evaluation of appropriate projects to be submitted to the relevant institutions for financing and implementation and seeking finance for projects that benefit Members and the world cocoa economy;
- to strive towards obtaining fair prices leading to equitable economic returns to both producers and consumers in the cocoa value chain, and to contribute to a balanced development of the world cocoa economy in the interest of all Members;
- to promote a sustainable cocoa economy in economic, social and environmental terms;
- to encourage research and the implementation of its findings through the promotion of training and information programmes leading to the transfer to Members of technologies suitable for cocoa;
- to promote transparency in the world cocoa economy, and in particular in the cocoa trade, through the collection, analysis and dissemination of relevant statistics and the undertaking of appropriate studies, as well as to promote the elimination of trade barriers;
- to promote and to encourage consumption of chocolate and cocoa-based products in order to increase demand for cocoa, inter alia through the promotion of the positive attributes of cocoa, including health benefits, in close cooperation with the private sector;
- to encourage Members to promote cocoa quality and to develop appropriate food safety procedures in the cocoa sector;
- to encourage Members to develop and implement strategies to enhance the capacity of local communities and small-scale farmers to benefit from cocoa production and thereby contribute to poverty alleviation.

Signature of the Agreement: the Agreement is open for signature from 1 October 2010 until 30 September 2012.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision shall enter into force on 26.03.2012. The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union by the General Secretariat of the Council.

International Cocoa Agreement 2010

2010/0343(NLE) - 01/12/2010 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude, by the European Union, the International Cocoa Agreement 2010.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASE: Article 207(3) and (4) in conjunction with Article 218(6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: on 25 June 2010 the United Nations Cocoa Conference 2010 formally closed following the consensus reached by the delegations on the negotiated text of the new 2010 International Cocoa Agreement, which will replace the International Cocoa Agreement 2001, as extended.

In view of the outcome of the talks and the substance of the new instrument, which reflects the position it put forward, the Commission considers the instrument of conclusion should now be deposited with the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs in New York, having already presented the Agreement to the Council for signature and provisional application.

The Council is therefore asked to **approve the International Cocoa Agreement 2010**.

Objectives: with a view to strengthening the global cocoa sector, supporting its sustainable development and increasing the benefits to all stakeholders, the objectives of the Seventh International Cocoa Agreement are:

- to promote international cooperation in the world cocoa economy;
- to provide an appropriate framework for discussion on all cocoa matters among governments, and with the private sector;
- to contribute to the strengthening of the national cocoa economies of Member countries, through the preparation, development and evaluation of appropriate projects to be submitted to the relevant institutions for financing and implementation and seeking finance for projects that benefit Members and the world cocoa economy;

- to strive towards obtaining fair prices leading to equitable economic returns to both producers and consumers in the cocoa value chain, and to contribute to a balanced development of the world cocoa economy in the interest of all Members;
- to promote a sustainable cocoa economy in economic, social and environmental terms;
- to encourage research and the implementation of its findings through the promotion of training and information programmes leading to the transfer to Members of technologies suitable for cocoa;
- to promote transparency in the world cocoa economy, and in particular in the cocoa trade, through the collection, analysis and dissemination of relevant statistics and the undertaking of appropriate studies, as well as to promote the elimination of trade barriers;
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- to encourage Members to promote cocoa quality and to develop appropriate food safety procedures in the cocoa sector;
- to encourage Members to develop and implement strategies to enhance the capacity of local communities and small-scale farmers to benefit from cocoa production and thereby contribute to poverty alleviation.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implication for the Union’s budget.

International Cocoa Agreement 2010

2010/0343(NLE) - 27/05/2011 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: the conclusion of the International Cocoa Agreement 2010.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: on 25 June 2010 the negotiating conference, established under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development approved the text of the International Cocoa Agreement 2010. The Agreement was negotiated to replace the International Cocoa Agreement 2001, which has been extended until 30 September 2012.

The European Union is a party to the 2001 Agreement, and the signature of the Agreement and the deposit of its instrument of provisional application have already been authorised by a Decision of the EU. It is therefore in the interest of the Union to conclude the Agreement.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 207(3) and (4), in conjunction with Article 218(6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes the approval of the International Cocoa Agreement 2010 on behalf of the European Union. The Agreement forms part of the Union’s the common commercial policy. Its main objectives are to strengthen the global cocoa sector, support its sustainable development and increase benefits for all stakeholders by:

- contributing to the strengthening of national cocoa economies of Member countries;
- striving towards obtaining fair prices leading to equitable economic returns to both producers and consumers in the cocoa value chain;
- promoting a sustainable cocoa economy in economic, social and environmental terms.

For further details of the main points of the Agreement, please refer to the summary of the former initial proposal dated 01/12/2010.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the proposal has no implications for the Union budget.