

OVERVIEW OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS 2004
INVOLVING TRADE AGREEMENTS

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<i>AGREEMENT</i>	<i>NEGOTIATION DIRECTIVES</i>	<i>NEGOTIATIONS</i>	<i>CONCLUSIONS</i>
ACP / EPAs	Draft directive adopted by the Commission: April 2002 Council Decision on 17 June 2002	1 st phase "all ACP" launched on 27/09/02 2 nd phase "regional negotiations" began in October 2003: -4 October 2003 Central Africa -6 October 2003 West Africa -7 February 2004 Eastern and Southern Africa -16 April 2004 Caribbean -8 July 2004 Southern African Development Community -September 2004 Pacific (tbc)	
ALBANIA	Negotiating Directives for a Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) adopted by the Council on 21-23 October 2002	Negotiations formally opened on 31 January 2003	
ALGERIA	Negotiating directive for an association agreement with Algeria, 10.06.1996	Concluded in December 2001	The EU/Algeria association agreement was initialled on 19 December 2001. The agreement was signed in April 2002 at the Euromed Meeting of Foreign affairs Ministers in Valencia. Ratification in progress.

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BELARUS	Recommendation from the Commission to the COUNCIL to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on a new Agreement amending and extending the Agreement on Trade in Textile Products between the EC and the Republic of Belarus (not yet adopted)	Ongoing	
CANADA	Recommendation to the Council to authorise the Commission to negotiate a bilateral Trade and Investment Enhancement Agreement (TIEA) with Canada (15 June 2004). [under discussion in Council]		
EGYPT	Negotiating directive for an association agreement with Egypt obtained in 1995	Negotiations were concluded in June 1999	The Association Agreement was signed in June 2001. The trade provisions entered into force provisionally on 1 January 2004 and the whole Association Agreement entered into force on 1 June 2004.
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	Revised & updated Negotiating Directives for an FTA from July 2001	Ongoing	
IRAN	Negotiating Directives June 2002	Ongoing	

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KAZAKHSTAN	<p>A Negotiating mandate to adapt the quantitative limits on trade in certain steel products to take account of EU enlargement received on 29 September 2003.</p> <p>Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on the renewal of the Agreement being requested for the years 2005 – 2006.</p>	Finalized, initialled on 25 May 2004.	Implementation in preparation.
LEBANON	Negotiating directive for an association agreement with Lebanon, 1995	Concluded in January 2002	Association Agreement signed in June 2002, Interim Agreement entered into force on 1 February 2003
MERCOSUR	Negotiating directive for an association agreement 13.09.1999	Ongoing	
MOLDOVA	Agreement setting up a double-checking system without quantitative limits on trade for certain steel products.	Ongoing	
RUSSIA	<p>A negotiating mandate to adapt the quantitative limits on trade in certain steel products to take account of EU enlargement received on 29 September 2003.</p> <p>Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on the renewal of the Agreement being requested for the years 2005 – 2006.</p>	Finalized initialled on 7 June 2004.	Implementation in preparation.

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SERBIA & MONTENEGRO	Draft Recommendation from the Commission for a Council decision authorising the Commission to negotiate an agreement on trade in textile products with Serbia and Montenegro (adopted by the Council 16/6/2003)	Ongoing	
SYRIA	Negotiating directive for an association agreement with Syria, 18.12.1997	Ongoing, expected to be concluded in 2004	
UKRAINE	Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on the renewal of the Agreement on Trade in Textile Products between the EC and Ukraine (not yet adopted)	Ongoing adoption foreseen in September 2004 and renewal of agreement to be negotiated and adopted afterwards	
	<p>Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on the renewal of the Steel Agreement, adopted by the Council on 19/11/2001. A negotiating mandate to adapt the quantitative limits on import on certain steel products to take account of EU enlargement received on 29 September 2003.</p> <p>Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on the renewal of the Agreement being requested for the years 2005 – 2006.</p>	Finalized, initialled on 22 June 2004	Implementation in preparation.

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UZBEKISTAN	Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on the renewal of the Agreement on Trade in Textile Products between the EC and Uzbekistan (not yet adopted)	Ongoing adoption foreseen in October 2004 and renewal of agreement to be negotiated and adopted afterwards	
VIETNAM	Recommendation from the commission to the council in order to authorise the commission to open negotiations with the socialist republic of Vietnam on the amendment of the bilateral agreement on trade in textile and clothing products initialled on 15 December 1992, as last amended on 17 November 1997 – adopted by Council on 10 December 2002 New mandate to negotiate renewal of the agreement with adoption foreseen end September 2004	December 2002	Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on trade in textile and clothing products and other market opening measures, and authorising its provisional application – approved by Council and published in the OJ on 20 June 2003. Ratification in progress. Renewal of the agreement to be negotiated in autumn 2004