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Delegations will find attached update information on EU commitments vis-à-vis third countries. It consists of a summary table covering commitments under the three pillars of the EU. It reflects the situation as of 1 January 2006.

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## COMMITMENTS VIS-A-VIS THIRD COUNTRIES

	Legal basis/ Political commitment (1)	Council commitments			p.m. Commission- and Parliament(*)- run activities
		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
<p><b>ENLARGEMENT</b></p> <p>Two bilateral intergovernmental accession conferences with Croatia and Turkey  (both accession negotiations and monitoring of progress and of commitments undertaken)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Article 49 of the TEU</li> <li>- Conclusions of the European Council in Brussels (17-18 June and 16-17 December 2004)</li> <li>- General EU position and negotiating framework Croatia (doc. 7376/05) Turkey (doc. 12823/1/05 REV 1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In principle, meetings at Foreign Minister level at least twice a year</li> <li>- Meetings at deputy level (COREPER + candidate State) as appropriate</li> </ul>			<p>For each of the two candidates in negotiations:</p> <p>analytical examination of the <i>acquis</i> (screening);</p> <p>monitoring of candidates' progress towards alignment with the <i>acquis</i> and fulfilment of commitments undertaken</p>

	Legal basis/ Political commitment  (1)	Council commitments			p.m. Commission- and Parliament(*)-run activities
		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
<b>Global accession process</b>					
<b>Acceding States</b> <b>Bulgaria and Romania</b> (see also bilateral relations entry below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Article 49 of the TEU</li> </ul> Accession Partnerships with the two candidates in negotiations (Bulgaria and Romania) (OJ L 145, 16.6.2003)  Accession Treaty (OJ L157 21/6/2005) signed 25 April 2005 (under ratification procedure)  As acceding States observer status in Council and European Parliament				Management of PHARE, ISPA and SAPARD programmes  Participation in Community programmes and agencies
<b>Turkey and Croatia</b> (see also bilateral relations entry below)	Article 49 of the TEU  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revised Accession Partnerships with Turkey and Croatia (political agreement GAERC 12 December 2005, docs. 15278/05 and 15280/05)</li> </ul> Multilateral framework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conclusions of the European Council Copenhagen (21-22.6.1993)</li> <li>  Luxembourg (12-13.12.1997)</li> <li>  Helsinki (10-11.12.1999)</li> <li>  Copenhagen (12-13.12.2002)</li> <li>- Council conclusions (7-8.3.1994)</li> </ul>				Accession Strategy for Turkey, including management of pre-accession financial assistance under Regulation (EC) No 2500/2001

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<p><b>European Conference</b></p> <p>In 2003, held with the participation of the Member States + acceding States + candidate countries (Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey) + EEA countries + Switzerland + countries of the stabilisation and Assoc. process + Moldova, Ukraine and Russia. No meetings of the Conference have taken place in 2004 <b>and 2005</b>; so far, no meetings have been scheduled for 2006.</p>	<p>- Conclusions of the Luxembourg European Council (12-13.12.1997)</p> <p>Conclusions of the Helsinki European Council (10-11.12.1999)</p> <p>Conclusions of the Nice European Council (7-9.12.2000)</p> <p>Conclusions of the Göteborg European Council (15/16.6.2001)</p>				
<p><b>I. Associated CCEE</b> (Bilateral relations)</p> <p><b>BULGARIA</b></p>	<p>Europe Assoc. Agreement (OJ L 358, 31.12.1994)</p> <p>(Mixed Agreement)</p>	<p>consultations as appropriate between the Parties at the highest political level</p> <p>1 Assoc. Council per year at ministerial level dealing with all major bilateral or international matters (including political dialogue)</p>			<p>- Assoc. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)</p> <p>- SubCtee.s: as appropriate (technical experts)</p> <p><i>*Joint Parl. Ctee.</i> - legal basis: Art. 111-113. of EU-Bulgaria Assoc. Agreement (Europe Agreement) - alternate meetings twice a year</p>
<p><b>ROMANIA</b></p>	<p>Europe Assoc. Agreement (OJ L 357, 31.12.1994)</p> <p>(Mixed Agreement)</p>	<p>- consultations as appropriate between the Parties at the highest political level</p> <p>- 1 Assoc. Council per year at ministerial level dealing with all major bilateral or international matters (including political dialogue)</p>			<p>- Assoc. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)</p> <p>- SubCtee.s: as appropriate (technical experts)</p> <p><i>* Joint Parl. Ctee.</i> - legal basis: Art. 112-114. of EU-Romania Assoc. Agreement (Europe Agreement) - alternate meetings twice a year</p>

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TURKEY (bilateral) (see also Enlargement: global accession process – CFSP-specific)	Assoc. Agreement (OJ L 217, 29.12.1964) (Mixed Agreement)  + Assoc. Council Resolutions of 6 March 1995 and 31 October 1995  (CE-TR 108/95 and CE-TR 130/95)  Conclusions of the Helsinki European Council (10- 11.12.1999) and Coreu SEC 69/00 (14.1.2000)	– 1 meeting per year between the Head of State or Government of Turkey, the President of the Council and the President of the Commission  – 2 Assoc. Councils per year at ministerial level [in practice one meeting per year]	Meetings at the level of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs (troika format): usually 1 per Presidency  Meetings at Senior Official (Political Director) level (troika format): usually 1 per Presidency  Consultations between Turkish and EU experts in certain Working Parties: Western Balkans, United Nations, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, OSCE (lapsed after the conclusions of the Helsinki European Council (10-12.12.1999))  Multilateral political dialogue with the Candidate Countries.	– JHA Ministerial Troika Thessaloniki on 22-23 April 2003.  Implementation of Council conclusions on intensified Coop. on the management of migration flows.  Mandate for negotiating a readmission agreement given to the Commission in November 2002.	Assoc. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)  Customs Union Joint Ctee.  <i>* Joint Parl. Ctee.</i>  <i>- legal basis: Art. 27. of the EU-Turkey Assoc. Agreement</i>

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<b>II. MEDITERRANEAN</b> <b>1. Multilateral</b> EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERSHIP	Barcelona Declaration (adopted on 28 November 1995) (Mixed)	Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs Euro-Mediterranean Ctee. on the Barcelona process: usually meeting 6 times a year	Senior officials with responsibility for political and security aspects usually meeting 6 times a year ESDP: meetings between the PSC Troika and the Heads of Mission of the Mediterranean Partners once per Presidency Each Mediterranean Partner may, if it so wishes, establish contacts with the Secretariat General of the Council, with a view to exchanging information on respective crisis management procedures as well as other issues related to crisis management. Each Mediterranean Partner wishing to be informed on EU military activities may appoint an officer as point of contact accredited to the EU Military Staff. The organisation by the Presidency and the Secretariat of meetings with experts once every six months on specific subjects of crisis management. Euromed ad hoc experts meeting on counter terrorism	The Barcelona Declaration contains provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs Follow-up to regional JHA plan agreed in April 2002 in Valencia.	* Euro-Mediterranean Parl. Assembly (EMPA) - legal basis: 2003 <i>decision of the Ministerial            Conference of the Euro-            Mediterranean            Partnership</i> - meetings in plenary at <i>least once a year</i> - other bodies: . the Ctee. on Political <i>Affairs, Security and            Human Rights;</i> . the Ctee. on Economic, <i>Financial and Social            Affairs and Education;</i> . the Ctee. on the <i>Promotion of the Quality            of Life, Human Exchanges            and Culture.</i> * Inter-Parl. Delegation <i>for relations with the            Mashreq countries</i> - legal basis: Art. 188 of <i>EP Rules of Procedure</i> - meetings: alternately <i>once a year (usually)</i> * Inter-Parl. Delegation <i>for relations with the            Maghreb countries</i> - legal basis: Art. 188 of <i>EP Rules of Procedure</i> - meetings: alternately <i>once a year (usually)</i>

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2. <b>Bilateral</b>  <b>ALGERIA</b>	Coop. Agreement signed on 26 April 1976  (Mixed Agreement)  Euro-Mediterranean Assoc. Agreement signed on 22 April 2002  (under ratification)  (Mixed Agreement)  Political agreement in Mondorf on 25 October 1997 – endorsed by Council on 26 January 1998):	– 1 Coop. Council per year at ministerial level  – Coop. Ctee.: (officials)  When the Assoc. Agreement enters into force:  – Assoc. Council 1 per year at ministerial level  – Assoc. Ctee.: usually 1 per year	1 Informal ministerial meeting (troika format) per Presidency  To be replaced by the Assoc. Agreement when it enters into force  Regular counter terrorism consultations	The Agreement with this country includes provisions on coop. on Justice and Home Affairs, including readmission and Coop. concerning the fight against terrorism.  Mandate given to the Commission in November 2002 to negotiating a readmission agreement.	Decision of March 2002 according to which the Commission chairs the Assoc. Ctee..
EGYPT	Euro-Mediterranean Assoc. Agreement entered into force on 1 June 2004 (OJ L 304, 30.09.04)  (Mixed Agreement)	– 1 Assoc. Council per year at ministerial level  – Assoc. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)	Political dialogue at regular intervals and as required, in particular  – at ministerial level, mainly within the Assoc. Council (1 per year and when circumstances require)  – made up of senior officials representing Egypt, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission  [Gr. 06/03 one meeting ad hoc]	The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs, including readmission and Coop. concerning the fight against terrorism	Decision of March 2002 according to which the Commission chairs the Assoc. Ctee.



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<b>ISRAEL</b>	<p>Euro-Mediterranean Assoc. Agreement, entered into force on 1 June 2000 (OJ L 147, 21.6.2000) (Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>European Neighbourhood (ENP) Action Plan launched through Assoc. Council Recommendation no 1/2005 of 26 April 2005 (OJ L 233, 9.9.2005)</p> <p>Assoc. Council Decision 1/2005 setting up SubCtee.s (OJ L 233, 9.9.2005)</p>	<p>– 1 Assoc. Council per year at ministerial level</p> <p>– Assoc. Ctee.: 1 per year (officials)</p> <p>- 10 SubCtee.s, meeting once per year (expert level), including on:</p> <p>Political dialogue and Coop.,</p> <p>Justice and legal matters.</p>	<p>Political dialogue at regular intervals and as required, in particular</p> <p>– at ministerial level, mainly within the Assoc. Council (at least 1 per year)</p> <p>made up of senior officials representing Israel, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission [none have taken place] meetings at expert level devoted to a certain issues can be convened [none have taken place]</p> <p>The ENP Action Plan includes a substantive political chapter, implemented notably through the:</p> <p>SubCtee. on political dialogue and Coop.;</p> <p>Ad hoc expert meetings on specific issues (human rights, terrorism, WMD, Coop. in international organisations).</p>	<p>The Assoc. Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs</p> <p>The ENP Action Plan includes a substantive chapter on Coop. in Justice and Home Affairs (migration, organised crime, terrorism, drugs money laundering, police and judicial Coop.).</p> <p>SubCtee. on justice and legal matters.</p>	<p>Decision of March 2002 according to which the Commission chairs the Assoc. Ctee. and working parties/subCtee.s</p> <p><i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with Israel - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i></p>
<b>JORDAN</b>	<p>Euro-Mediterranean Assoc. Agreement entered into force on 1 May 2002 (JO L 129 du 15.5.02)(Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>European Neighbourhood (ENP) Action Plan launched through Assoc. Council Recommendation no 1/2005 of 9 June 2005 (OJ L 228, 3.9.2005)</p> <p>Assoc. Council Decision 1/2003 setting up SubCtee.s and a working party on social affairs (OJ L 215,</p>	<p>– 1 Assoc. Council per year at ministerial level</p> <p>Assoc. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)</p> <p>1 Working Party and 8 SubCtee.s meeting once per year (expert level):</p> <p>Working Party for Social Affairs</p> <p>Internal Market</p> <p>Industry trade, services and investment promotion</p>	<p>Political dialogue at regular intervals and as required, in particular</p> <p>– at ministerial level, mainly within the Assoc. Council (at least 1 per year)</p> <p>– made up of senior officials representing Jordan, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission</p> <p>Follow-up of the chapter on political dialogue and reform</p>	<p>The Assoc. Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs, including readmission.</p> <p>The ENP Action Plan includes a substantive chapter on Coop. in Justice and Home Affairs (migration, organised crime, terrorism, drugs money laundering, police and judicial Coop.).</p> <p>SubCtee. on Justice and Security.</p>	<p>Decision of March 2002 according to which the Commission chairs the Assoc. Ctee. and working parties/subCtee.s.</p>

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	27.8.2003)  Assoc. Council Decision of 11.10.2004 setting up a SubCtee. on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance	Transport, environment and energy  Research and innovation  Agriculture and fisheries  Justice and Security  Regional Coop.  Customs Coop.  SubCtee. on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance (expert level)	agreed in the ENP Action Plan.  SubCtee. on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance (once per year), at expert level.		
LEBANON	Coop. Agreement signed on 3 May 1977  (Mixed Agreement)  Euro-Mediterranean Assoc. Agreement <u>signed on 17 June 2002</u> (under ratification)  (Mixed Agreement)  Exchange of letters with EU concerning Coop. in the fight against terrorism.	– 1 Coop. Council per year at ministerial level  – Coop. Ctee. (officials)  When Assoc. Agreement enters into force: – 1 Assoc. Council per year at ministerial level  – Assoc. Ctee.: 1 per year (officials)	When the Assoc. Agreement enters into force:  Political dialogue at regular intervals and as required, in particular  – at ministerial level, mainly within the Assoc. Council (when circumstances require)  – made up of senior officials representing Lebanon, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission	The Assoc. Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs, including dispositions on the rule of law and readmission	Decision of March 2002 according to which the Commission chairs the Assoc. Ctee..
MOROCCO	Euro-Mediterranean Assoc. Agreement entered into force on 1 March 2000 (OJ L 70, 17.3.2000)  (Mixed Agreement)  Decision n° 1/2001 at the Assoc. Council (OJ L 12, 21 April 2001)  Assoc. Council Decision 1/2003 setting up SubCtee.s (OJ L 79, 26.3.2003)  European Neighbourhood (ENP) Action Plan launched through Assoc. Council Recommendation no 1/2005 of 24 October 2005 (OJ	– 1 Assoc. Council per year at ministerial level  – Assoc. Ctee.: 1 per year (officials)  Working Group on Social Affairs and Migrations (officials)  6 SubCtee.s, meeting once per year (expert level):  Internal market  Industry, trade and services  Transport, environment and Energy  Research and innovation  Agriculture and fisheries	Political dialogue at regular intervals and as required, in particular  – at ministerial level, mainly within the Assoc. Council (at least 1 per year)  – made up of senior officials representing Morocco, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission  - at senior officials level, in the framework of the "Reinforced political dialogue" (once per year).  Follow-up of the chapter on	Contacts with this country, established within the TREV I framework (United States, Canada, Switzerland and Morocco) have taken place under the aegis of the Presidency with the Council General Secretariat acting as an intermediary  The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs  Under this agreement an ad-hoc group has been created dealing with JHA matters.  Dialogue with the Moroccan authorities on migrations issues, including EU's action plan for Morocco within the working Group on Social Affairs and	Decision of March 2002 according to which the Commission chairs the Assoc. Ctee. and working groups/ SubCtee.s.

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	L 285, 28.10.2005)  Reinforced Political dialogue agreed at the Assoc. Ctee. on 21 October 2003.	Justice and security	political dialogue and reform agreed in the ENP Action Plan.  Priority country for Coop. in the fight against terrorism. Regular counter terrorism consultations	Migrations.  Council conclusions on intensified Coop. on the management of migration flows.  Mandate given to the Commission in September 2000 for negotiating a readmission agreement.  The ENP Action Plan includes a substantive chapter on Coop. in Justice and Home Affairs (migration, organised crime, terrorism, drugs money laundering, police and judicial Coop.).  SubCtee. on Justice and Security.	
<b>PLO / PA</b>	Interim Assoc. Agreement signed on 24 February 1997, entered into force 1 July 1997  (OJ L 187, 16.7.1997)  Joint Declaration on political dialogue signed on 24 February 1997  European Neighbourhood (ENP) Action Plan launched by the Parties at the 3rd Joint Ctee. Meeting, 11 May 2005		Political dialogue at regular intervals and as required, in particular  – at ministerial or equivalent level  - at the level of senior officials representing PLO/PA, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission		Joint Ctee., 1 per year (senior officials)  <i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council</i> - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)
SYRIA	Coop. Agreement signed on 18 January 1977  (Mixed Agreement)  Euro-Mediterranean Assoc. Agreement initialled on 19 October 2004  (Mixed Agreement)	– 1 Coop. Council per year at ministerial level  – Coop. Ctee. (officials)  When Assoc. Agreement enters into force:  – 1 Assoc. Council per year at ministerial level  – Assoc. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)	p.m. Assoc. Agreement initialled on 19 October 2004.	The Assoc. Agreement with this country might include provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs	

TUNISIA	<p>Euro-Mediterranean Assoc. Agreement entered into force on 1 March 1998 (OJ L 97, 30.3.1998)</p> <p>(Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>Decision No 2/99 of the Assoc. Council (OJ L 258, 5.10.99)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 Assoc. Council per year at ministerial level</li> <li>- Assoc. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)</li> <li>Working Party on Social Affairs (officials)</li> <li>6 SubCtee.s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal market</li> <li>Industry, trade and services</li> <li>Transport, environment and energy</li> <li>Research and innovation</li> <li>Agriculture and fisheries</li> <li>Justice and security</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Political dialogue at regular intervals and as required, in particular</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- at ministerial level, mainly within the Assoc. Council (at least 1 per year)</li> <li>- made up of senior officials representing Tunisia, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission</li> </ul>	<p>The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs</p> <p>Council conclusions on intensified Coop. on the management of migration flows.</p>	<p>Decision of March 2002 according to which the Commission chairs the Assoc. Ctee..</p>
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<b>III. OTHER STATES IN WESTERN EUROPE</b>  EEA / SIN (Switzerland, Iceland and Norway)					<i>* Joint Parl. Ctee. - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings annually (usually)</i>
<b>EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA</b>  (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein)	Agreement on the European Economic Area (OJ L 1, 3.1.1994)  EEA Enlargement Agreement (OJ L 130, 29.04.2004)  Provisional application as from 1.5.2004  (Mixed Agreement)  Joint Declaration on political dialogue adopted by the EEA Council on 30 May 1995 (EEE 1604/95)	– two EEA Councils per year at ministerial level, dealing with all major bilateral or international matters (including political dialogue)	– possible meetings at Political Director level  – meetings between experts, as required, involving the following Working Parties: Security, Middle East Peace Process, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Western Balkans, Disarmament, Non-proliferation, Conventional Arms Exports, OSCE	Meetings are held at all levels in the framework of the Mixed Ctee. dealing with Schengen- matters (this is Norway, Iceland, Switzerland only)	Joint Ctee. (several meetings a year; a number of subCtee.s have been set up)  <i>* Joint Parl. Ctee.s - legal basis: Art. 9. and Protocol 36. of the EEA Agreement - alternate meetings twice a year</i>
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	Agreement between the EEC and the Swiss Confederation (Free Trade Agreement) (OJ L 300, 31.12.1972)  Agreements signed on 21.6.1999 in 7 sectors, i.e: - on the Free Movement of Persons - on Air Transport, - on the Carriage of Goods and Passengers by Rail and Road, - on Trade in Agricultural Products, - on Mutual Recognition in relation to		Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Swiss Confederation, on the participation of Switzerland in the European Union Police Mission (EUPM) in Bosnia and Herzegovina  (OJ L 239, 25.9.2003)  Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the European Union on the Swiss participation in the European Union Police	Provisional (until its formal conclusion) meetings at all levels in the framework of the Mixed Ctee. on issues which are covered by the "Schengen" co- operation  Negotiations are completed on Switzerland's participation in Schengen acquis and in dublin Coop.. Switzerland participates on a provisional basis in the Schengen-meetings.	Joint Ctee. (irregular intervals)  7 Joint Ctee.s (irregular intervals)

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	<p>Conformity Assessment,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- on certain aspects of Government Procurement</li> <li>- on Scientific and Technological Co-operation (expired on 31.12.2002)</li> </ul> <p>(OJ L 114, 30.04.2002)</p> <p>In force, as from 01.06.2002</p> <p>Agreement on scientific and technological co-operation between the European Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other part</p> <p>(OJ L 32, 05.02.2004)</p> <p>Signed on 16.01.2004</p> <p>Provisional application as from 01.01.2004</p> <p>Agreement on trade of Processed agricultural products</p> <p>(OJ L 23, 26.01.2005)</p> <p>In force, as from 30.03.2005</p> <p>Agreement concerning the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments and a MOU</p> <p>(OJ L 385, 29.12.2004)</p> <p>In force, as from 01.07.2005</p> <p>Other Agreements signed on 26.10.2004 concerning the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Swiss Assoc. to the implementation, application and development of the</li> </ul>		<p>Mission (<i>EUPOL Proxima</i>) in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</p> <p>(OJ L 354, 30.11.2004)</p> <p>Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the European Union military crisis management operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Operation ALTHEA)</p> <p>(OJ L 20, 22.1.2005)</p>		<p>Switzerland /Communities Research Ctee.</p>

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	<p>Schengen <i>acquis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establishment of the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States or Switzerland by a third-country national (Dublin and Eurodac Regulations)</li> <li>- Combat against fraud and all other punishable offences to the detriment of the Swiss and EU financial interests</li> <li>- Co-operation in the field of Statistics</li> <li>- Swiss participation in the Community Programs Media Plus and Media Formation</li> <li>• Swiss participation in the European Environment Agency and in the European Environment Information and Observation Network</li> <li>• Protocol on the adaptation of the Agreement on Free Movement of Persons due to the enlargement of the EU</li> </ul>				
<b>ICELAND</b> (EEA - EFTA State)	<p>Agreement between the EEC and the Republic of Iceland (Free Trade Agreement) (OJ L 301, 31.12.1972)</p> <p>Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland consequent on the accession of the new Member States to the European Union (OJ L 130, 29.4.2004)</p> <p>Provisional application as from 1.5.2004</p>		<p>Agreements between the European Union and the Republic of Iceland on the participation of the Republic of Iceland in the European Union-led forces (EUF) in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia In force, as from 03.07.2003</p> <p>Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Iceland on the participation of the Republic of Iceland in the European Union Police Mission</p>	<p>Agreement with the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's Assoc. with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen <i>acquis</i>  (OJ L 176, 10.7.1999) In force, as from 26.06.2000</p> <p>Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible</p>	Joint Ctee. (irregular intervals)

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			<p>(EUPM) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (OJ L 239, 25.9.2003) In force, as from 10.12.2002</p> <p>Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Iceland establishing a framework for the participation of the Republic of Iceland in the European Union crisis management operations (OJ L 67, 14.03.2005) In force, as from 01.04.2005</p> <p>possible meetings at Political Director level</p> <p>possible meetings between experts, as required, involving the following Working Parties: Security, Middle East Peace Process, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Western Balkans, Disarmament, Non-proliferation, Conventional Arms Exports, OSCE</p>	<p>for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway (OJ L 93, 3.4.2001) In force, as from 01.04.2001</p> <p>Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the application of certain provisions of the Convention of 29 may 2000 on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union and the 2001 Protocol thereto</p> <p>Signed on 19.12.2003</p> <p>Mixed Agreement - conclusion pending (OJ L 26, 29.1.2004)</p> <p>Meetings at all levels in the framework of the Mixed Ctee. on issues which are covered by the "Schengen" co-operation</p>	
<b>NORWAY</b> (EEA - EFTA State)	<p>Agreement between the EEC and the Kingdom of Norway (Free Trade Agreement) (OJ L 171, 27.6.1973)</p> <p>Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Community on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2004-2009 (OJ L 130, 29.4.2004)</p> <p>Provisional application as from 1.5.2004</p>		<p>Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on the participation of the Kingdom of Norway in the European Union-led forces (EUF) in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia In force, as from 17.06.2003</p> <p>Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on the</p>	<p>Agreement with the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's Assoc. with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis (OJ L 176, 10.7.1999) In force, as from 26.06.2000</p> <p>Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for</p>	Joint Ctee. (irregular intervals)



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	<p>Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway consequent on the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union (OJ L 130, 29.4.2004)</p> <p>Provisional application as from 1.5.2004</p> <p>Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning certain agricultural products (OJ L 130, 29.4.2004)</p> <p>Provisional application as from 1.5.2004</p>		<p>participation of the Kingdom of Norway in the European Union Police Mission (EUPM) in Bosnia and Herzegovina  (OJ L 239, 25.9.2003) In force, as from 19.12.2002</p> <p>Agreement between the European Union and Norway on the participation of Norway to the European Union Police Mission (<i>EUPOL Proxima</i>) in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia  (OJ L 354, 30.11.2004) In force, as from 01.02.2005</p> <p>Agreement on security procedures for the exchange of classified information between the European Union and Norway  (OJ L 362, 9.12.2004) In force, as from 01.12.2004</p> <p>Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway establishing a framework for the participation of the Kingdom of Norway in the European Union crisis management operations  (OJ L 67 14.03.2005)  In force, as from 01.01.2005  possible meetings at Political Director level  meetings between experts, as required, involving the</p>	<p>establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway  (OJ L 93, 3.4.2001) In force, as from 01.04.2001</p> <p>Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway on the participation of Norway in the work of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction  (OJ L 257, 11.10.2000)  In force, as from 01.01.2001</p> <p>Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the application of certain provisions of the Convention of 29 may 2000 on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union and the 2001 Protocol thereto  Signed on 19.12.2003  Mixed Agreement - conclusion pending  (OJ L 26, 29.1.2004)</p> <p>Meetings at all levels in the framework of the Mixed Ctee. on issues which are covered by the "Schengen" co-operation</p>	



<p><b>SAN MARINO</b></p>	<p>Agreement on Coop. and Customs Union Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of San Marino (OJ L 84, 28.03.2002)</p> <p>In force as from 01.04.2002</p> <p>Agreement concerning: the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments and a MOU (OJ L 381, 28.12.2004) In force, as from 01.07.2005</p>				<p>Coop. Ctee. (irregular intervals)</p>
<p><b>MONACO</b></p>	<p>Agreement concerning: the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments and a MOU (OJ L 19, 21.1.2005) In force, as from 01.07.2005</p>				

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		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
<b>IV. EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA</b>					<i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation to the EU-Kazakhstan, EU-Kyrgyzstan and EU-Uzbekistan Parl. Coop. Ctee.s and Delegation for relations with Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Mongolia - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i>
<b>ARMENIA</b>	Entry into force on 1 July 1999 of the Partnership and Coop. Agreement signed on 22 April 1996 (OJ L 239, 9.9.1999)  (Mixed Agreement)  Joint Action 2003/872/CFSP (OJ L 326, 13 December 2003) ) and Joint Action 2005/582/CFSP (OJ L 199, 29 July 2005)	Coop. Council: 1 per year at ministerial level  The Coop. Council constitutes the highest level of mixed body examining all major bilateral or international matters of common interest (including political dialogue)  Regular contacts with the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus.	Political dialogue, usually on a regional basis with participation of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, takes place in the margins of the Coop. Council.	The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs	Coop. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)  <i>* Parl. Coop. Ctee. - legal basis: Art. 95. of the EU-Armenia Partnership and Coop. Agreement - alternate meetings once a year</i>
<b>AZERBAIJAN</b>	Entry into force on 1 July 1999 of the Partnership and Coop. Agreement signed on 22 April 1999  (OJ L 246, 17.9.1999)  (Mixed Agreement)	Coop. Council: 1 per year at ministerial level  The Coop. Council constitutes the highest level of mixed body examining all major bilateral or international matters of common interest (including political dialogue)  Regular contacts with the EU Special	Political dialogue, usually on a regional basis with participation of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, takes place in the margins of the Coop. Council.	The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs	Coop. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)  <i>* Parl. Coop. Ctee. - legal basis: Art. 95. of the EU-Azerbaijan Partnership and Coop. Agreement - alternate meetings once a year</i>

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		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
	Joint Action 2003/872/CFSP (OJ L 326, 13 December 2003) and Joint Action 2005/582/CFSP (OJ L 199, 29 July 2005)	Representative for the South Caucasus.			
<b>BELARUS</b>	<p>1989 EEC-USSR Coop. Agreement (OJ L 68, 15.3.1990)</p> <p>Interim Agreement signed on 25 March 1996 (not yet concluded) (5671/96)</p> <p>Partnership Agreement signed on 6 March 1995 (4890/95) (PCA not yet ratified by all ms)</p> <p>(Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>Textiles Agreement (doc J/L 16274/04 I/A item note: 16270/04)</p> <p>Council Common Positions on restrictive measures against certain officials in Belarus (2004/661/CFSP 2004/848/CFSP 2005/666/CFSP)</p>				<p><i>* InterParl. Delegation for the Relations with Belarus</i></p> <p><i>- legal basis: no legal base (negotiations on Partnership and Coop. Agreement suspended)</i></p> <p><i>- no meetings</i></p>

<p><b>GEORGIA</b></p>	<p>Entry into force on 1 July 1999 of the Partnership and Coop. Agreement signed on 22 April 1996 (OJ L 205, 4.8.1999) (Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>Joint Action 2003/872/CFSP (OJ L 326, 13 December 2003) and Joint Action 2005/582/CFSP (OJ L 199, 29 July 2005))</p>	<p>Coop. Council: 1 per year at ministerial level</p> <p>The Coop. Council constitutes the highest level of mixed body examining all major bilateral or international matters of common interest (including political dialogue)</p> <p>Regular contacts with the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus.</p>	<p>Political dialogue, usually on a regional basis with participation of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, takes place in the margins of the Coop. Council.</p>	<p>The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs</p>	<p>Coop. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)</p> <p><i>* Parl. Coop. Ctee. - legal basis: Art. 95. of the EU-Georgia Partnership and Coop. Agreement; - alternate meetings once a year</i></p>
<p><b>KAZAKHSTAN</b></p>	<p>Entry into force on 1 July 1999 of the Partnership and Coop. Agreement signed on 23 January 1995 (OJ L 196, 28.7.1999) (Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>GAERC, 10 December 2001 (15078/01)</p> <p>Dublin European Council (December 1996)</p>	<p>Coop. Council: 1 per year at ministerial level</p> <p>The Coop. Council constitutes the highest level of mixed body examining all major bilateral or international matters of common interest (including political dialogue)</p>	<p>Regional political dialogue with the participation of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan</p> <p>To pursue enhanced political dialogue.</p>	<p>The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs.</p> <p>JHA sub-Ctee.s meet approximately every 12-18 months</p> <p>An Action Plan on drugs was agreed in 2002 between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The Action Plan is open to accession by Turkmenistan.</p>	<p>Coop. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)</p>

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		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	<p>Entry into force on 1 July 1999 of the Partnership and Coop. Agreement signed on 9 February 1995 (OJ L 196, 28.7.1999) (Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>GAERC, 10 December 2001 (15078/01)</p> <p>Dublin European Council (December 1996)</p>	<p>Coop. Council: 1 per year at ministerial level</p> <p>The Coop. Council constitutes the highest level of mixed body examining all major bilateral or international matters of common interest (including political dialogue)</p>	<p>Regional political dialogue with the participation of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan</p> <p>To pursue enhanced political dialogue</p>	<p>The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs</p> <p>An Action Plan on drugs was agreed in 2002 between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The Action Plan is open to accession by Turkmenistan.</p>	<p>Coop. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)</p>
<b>MOLDOVA</b>	<p>Entry into force on 1 July 1998 of the Partnership and Coop. Agreement signed on 28 November 1994 (OJ L 181, 24.6.1998) (Mixed Agreement)</p>	<p>Coop. Council: 1 per year at ministerial level</p> <p>The Coop. Council constitutes the highest level of mixed body examining all major bilateral or international matters of common interest (including political dialogue)</p>	<p>regular meetings of senior officials representing the Community and its Member States and the Republic of Moldova, including ad hoc meetings with PSC (one per Presidency)</p>	<p>The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs</p> <p>JHA sub-Ctee.s meet approximately every 12-18 months</p>	<p>Coop. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)</p> <p><i>* Parl. Coop. Ctee. - legal basis: Art. 87-89. of the EU-Moldova Partnership and Coop. Agreement; - alternate meetings once a year</i></p>

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		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
UZBEKISTAN	<p>Entry into force on 1 July 1999 of the Partnership and Coop. Agreement signed on 21 June 1996 (OJ L 229, 31.8.1999) (Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>GAERC, 10 December 2001 (15078/01)</p> <p>Dublin European Council (December 1996)</p> <p>Council Common Position on restrictive measures against Uzbekistan to be adopted on 14/11/05</p>	<p>Coop. Council: 1 per year at ministerial level</p> <p>The Coop. Council constitutes the highest level of mixed body examining all major bilateral or international matters of common interest (including political dialogue)</p>	<p>To pursue enhanced political dialogue</p>	<p>The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning Coop. on Justice and Home Affairs</p> <p>JHA sub-Ctee.s meet approximately every 12-18 months</p> <p>An Action Plan on drugs was agreed in 2002 between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The Action Plan is open to accession by Turkmenistan.</p>	<p>Coop. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)</p>



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<b>RUSSIA</b>	<p>Entry into force on 1 December 1997 of the Partnership Agreement, signed on 24 June 1994 (OJ L 327, 28.11.1997). Extended to enlarged EU on provisional basis through protocol signed 27 April 2004.</p> <p>(Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>Joint Declaration on Reinforcement of Dialogue and Coop. on Political and Security Issues in Europe (Paris, 30 October 2000) supplemented by the Brussels Declaration (3 October 2001) and Rome Declaration (6 November 2003).</p> <p>St. Petersburg Declaration 12 May 2003 on creation of four common spaces (Common Economic Space, Common Space of Freedom, Security and Justice; Common Space of External Security; Common Space of Research, Education and Culture)</p> <p>Adoption of road maps for the creation of the four Common Spaces at the Moscow summit on 10 May 2005 (Doc PRESS 8799/05 ADD 1).</p>	<p>in principle 2 summits per year between the President of the European Council, the President of the Commission and the President of Russia; could be reduced to one per year in agreement with Russia once PPC fully effective.</p> <p>Permanent Partnership Council: 1 per year in regular foreign ministers' formation, with EU represented in closed troika format. Can meet in same format also in other ministerial formations; does so in Justice and Home Affairs (twice per year) and Energy (one so far). Planned also for Education and Research, Transport, Environment.</p>	<p>at ministerial level, political dialogue takes place within the Permanent Partnership Council or at other times, in particular with the EU Troika, by mutual consent [the practice of holding a second meeting has developed]</p> <p>the High Representative for the CFSP and relevant Russian authorities hold consultations on international developments and crisis management issues</p> <p>one meeting of Political Directors with Russia per Presidency, at which EU represented by EU Troika. A second meeting if necessary.</p> <p>monthly meetings between the Troika of the EU PSC and Russia, (consultations on crisis prevention and management) when not overlapping with other political dialogue meetings</p> <p>expert troika meetings, involving following Working Parties involved: United Nations, Western Balkans, Non-proliferation, Terrorism, OSCE, Middle East Peace Process, Mashreq/Maghreb, Southeast Europe, Asia/Oceania, Disarmament, Middle East/Gulf, Conventional arms exports, Latin America Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Human Rights.</p> <p>regular Human Rights consultations (once per Presidency).</p> <p>The dialogue may be conducted on a regional basis</p>	<p>SubCtee. No 6 on fight against crime (half yearly meetings held since 27 January 1999 meets approximately every 12-18 months.</p> <p>The PPC in JHA Ministers formation meets twice a year with Russia.</p> <p>Liaison officers meetings where appropriate with participation of Russian authorities are held every semester.</p> <p>Sometimes meetings in the margins of CATS, SCIFA, Terrorism, Drugs, CIREFI etc.</p> <p>Implementation of the road map for the creation of the Common Space of Freedom, Security and Justice.</p>	<p>Coop. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)</p> <p>Sub-Ctee. structure being reviewed by the Commission.</p> <p><i>* Parl. Coop. Ctee. - legal basis: Art. 96. of the EU-Russia Partnership and Coop. Agreement; - alternate meetings once a year</i></p>

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<b>TAJIKISTAN</b>	<p>1989 EEC-USSR Trade and Coop. Agreement (OJ L 68, 15.3.1990)</p> <p>GAERC, 10 December 2001 (15078/01)</p> <p>Partnership and Coop. Agreement signed on 11 October 2004 (11803/04) not yet concluded.</p> <p>Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters signed on 11 October 2004 (11808/04) not yet concluded.</p> <p>Dublin European Council (December 1996)</p>	To be covered under new PCA	<p>Informal political dialogue in the margins of the annual Joint Ctee. (senior experts)</p> <p>Regional political dialogue with the participation of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan</p> <p>To pursue enhanced political dialogue.</p>	<p>To be covered under new PCA</p> <p>An Action Plan on drugs was agreed in 2002 between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The Action Plan is open to accession by Turkmenistan.</p>	Joint Ctee.: usually 1 per year.
<b>TURKMENISTAN</b>	<p>1989 EEC-USSR Trade and Coop. Agreement (OJ L 68, 15.3.1990)</p> <p>Partnership and Coop. Agreement signed on 25.5.1998 (5606/98) not yet concluded</p> <p>Interim Agreement signed on 10 January 1999 (5144/99 NIS 1 + CORs) not yet concluded.</p>		<p>Informal meeting on human rights held in margins of Joint Ctee. on 21 January 2001</p> <p>Regional political dialogue with the participation of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan</p>		Joint Ctee.: in principle 1 per year (officials) but no meeting between 20 November 1999 and 28 February 2005.

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	GAERC, 10 December 2001 (15078/01)  Dublin European Council (December 1996)		To pursue enhanced political dialogue	An Action Plan on drugs was agreed in 2002 between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The Action Plan is open to accession by Turkmenistan.	
<b>UKRAINE</b>	Entry into force on 1 March 1998 of the Partnership Agreement signed on 14 June 1994 (OJ L 49, 19.2.1998)  (Mixed Agreement)  EU Common Strategy on Ukraine (conclusions of the Helsinki European Council 10-12.12.1999, prolonged by European Council 12-13.12.2003) expired in December 2004.  Entry into force on 21 February 2005 of the EU- Ukraine ENP Action Plan signed on the same day.	Summit between the Ukrainian President, the President of the European Council and the President of the Commission: 1 per year .  Coop. Council: 1 per year at ministerial level.	– where appropriate, consultations are organised between the parties at the highest political level.  – at ministerial level, political dialogue takes place within the Coop. Council, the Foreign Ministers Troika or at other times by mutual consent with the EU Troika [in practice, meetings have taken place in margins of UNGA week].  regular meetings of senior officials, including Political Directors meeting (normally one per Presidency and ad hoc meetings with PSC (normally two per Presidency).  – Troika meetings at expert level on Disarmament and Non-proliferation, Conventional arms exports, OSCE, Eastern Europe and Central Asia (one per Presidency).	Several meetings of the SubCtee.s on JHA were held since March 1999.  Meetings of the troika of JHA ministers with Ukraine take place every year.  Global Joint Action Plan on JHA was jointly adopted by EU and Ukraine in December 2001.  Meeting with Ukraine of CIREFI group, Terrorism Working Party, EUROJUST and liaison officers on dates to be fixed.  Council conclusions on intensified Coop. on the management of migration flows.  Mandate given to the Commission in June 2002 for negotiating a readmission agreement and mandate given to the Commission in October 2005 for negotiating the visa facilitation agreement.	Coop. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)  Several sub-Ctee.s on specific issues  <i>* Parl. Coop. Ctee. - legal basis: Art. 90-91. of the EU-Ukraine Partnership and Coop. Agreement; - alternate meetings once a year</i>

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<b>V. WESTERN BALKANS</b>	Western Balkans Summit in Thessaloniki on 21 June 2003 (doc 10229/03)		Annual Western Balkans Forum with EU and SAP Foreign Ministers	Annual Western Balkans Forum with EU and SAP Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs  Regular meetings at expert level between representatives of the 5 SAP countries and competent Council bodies (CIREFI)	<i>* (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia- Montenegro) - Inter-Parl. Delegation for the Relations with the Countries of South-east Europe - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings once a year (usually)</i>
ALBANIA	1992 Agreement on trade and commercial and economic co-operation, signed on 11/05/92 [OJ L 343 of 25.11.1992]  Joint Declaration on political dialogue dated 11/05/92 (Coreu LIS 628/92)  Consultative Task Force EU-Albania [basis: Council conclusions of 11.12/06/01, terms of reference approved by Council on 8.9/10/01 (doc. 12213/01)].  European Partnership (OJ L 223 of 24.06.04)		Ministerial troika [meets on average once per year]	Signature of a readmission agreement foreseen for end of February 2005.	Joint Ctee. EC-Albania (basis 1992 Agreement, title V) meets on average once per year at high- official level  Consultative Task Force EU-Albania (EU represented by Presidency and Commission) meets on average at expert level every 3/4 months  Negotiations for a Stabilisation and Assoc. Agreement, in principle 2 technical and 1 official round every 6 month. Negotiations may be concluded during 2005.

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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	<p>Declaration by the EU of 08/06/98 creating a Consultative Task Force [basis: Council conclusion of 08/06/98 (9243/98), terms of reference approved by Council on 22/06/98 (doc. 9477/98)]</p> <p>-Joint Declaration on political dialogue [adopted by Council on 29/9/03, OJ C240]</p> <p>European Partnership (OJ L 221 of 22.06.04)</p>		Regular high level meetings between BiH and the EU troika [normally 1 per year]	JHA clause in stabilization and Assoc. agreement.	<p>Consultative Task Force: EU-BiH (EU represented by Presidency and Commission)</p> <p>Monitoring of 16 criteria identified by a feasibility study before BiH can begin negotiations for a Stabilisation and Assoc. agreement</p>
CROATIA	<p>Stabilisation and Assoc. Agreement, signed on 29/10/01 (doc. 11169/01 + ADDENDA) in force on 01/02/05 + Enlargement protocol signed on 21.12.04, not yet in force, but provisionally applied (both published in OJ L 26 of 28.01.05)</p> <p>European Partnership (OJ L 297 of 22.09.04)</p> <p>Article 49 of the TEU (candidate country not yet in accession negotiations)</p> <p>- Conclusions of the European Council on 17 - 18 June 2004</p> <p>- Conclusions of the European Council on 16 - 17 December 2004</p>	<p>1 Assoc. Council per year at ministerial level dealing with all major bilateral or international matters (including political dialogue)</p> <p>Negotiations on a draft negotiating framework in view of possible start of accession negotiations as of 17 March 2005.</p>		JHA clause in stabilization and Assoc. agreement., including a JHA subCtee.	<p>Stabilisation and Assoc. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)</p> <p>SubCtee.s: as appropriate (technical experts)</p> <p><i>* Joint Parl. Ctee. - legal basis: Art. 116. of EU-Croatia Stabilisation and Assoc. Agreement - alternate meetings twice a year</i></p>

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		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	<p>Stabilisation and Assoc. Agreement signed on 09/04/01, in force on 01.04.04 (OJ L 084 of 20.03.04)</p> <p>Enlargement protocol to the Stabilisation and Assoc. Agreement, signed on 22 November 2004. Not in force, but applied provisionally. (L388 of 29.12.04)</p> <p>European Partnership (L 222 of 23.06.04)</p> <p>Application for Membership pursuant to article 49 TEU</p>	1 Assoc. Council per year at ministerial level dealing with all major bilateral or international matters (including political dialogue)		JHA clause in stabilization and Assoc. agreement., including a JHA subCtee., which met for the first time on 15/10/2004	<p>Stabilisation and Assoc. Ctee.: usually 1 per year (officials)</p> <p>SubCtee.s: as appropriate (technical experts)</p> <p>Commission to draft an avis on FYROM's application for EU membership <i>* Joint Parl. Ctee. - legal basis: Art. 114. of EU-FYROM Stabilisation and Assoc. Agreement - alternate meetings twice a year</i></p>
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	<p>Consultative Task Force EU-SaM [basis: Council conclusions of 9/10/00 and Final Declaration of the Zagreb Summit of 24/11/00, terms of reference approved by Council on 16/0701 (doc 10645/01)]</p> <p>- Joint Declaration on political dialogue [adopted by Council on 29/9/03, OJ C240]</p>		Regular high level meetings between SaM and the EU troika, [normally 1 per year]		<p>Enhanced Permanent Dialogue” mechanism (EPD) EU represented by Cion and Presidency). (Council 14.4.03). Meetings take place every 3 months.</p> <p>Commission to draft a feasibility study on the possible opening of negotiations for a Stabilisation and Assoc. Agreement</p>

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<b>VI. NORTH AMERICA</b>					
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<p>Transatlantic Declaration of 23 November 1990</p> <p>"New Transatlantic Agenda" of 3 December 1995</p> <p>EU/US agreements based on art. 38 TEU on mutual legal assistance and extradition</p>	<p>– 1 per year: Summit between the US President, the President of the European Council, President of the Commission and SG/HR</p> <p>– at ministerial level,</p> <p>    = 2 per year in troika format: Presidency, SG/HR and COM with their US counterparts.</p> <p>    = 1 per year in the margins of the UNGA: EU 25, SG/HR and COM with their US counterparts.</p> <p>– Monthly meetings of the Senior Level Group (SLG): Presidency, SG/HR and COM with their US counterparts.</p> <p>– 2 per year: Policy Dialogue on Border and Transport Security (PDBTS): Presidency, SG/HR and COM with their US counterparts.</p> <p>– meetings 2-3 times per Presidency of the Task Force: Presidency, SG/HR and COM with their US counterparts.</p>	<p>– 1 meeting at Political Director level (troika format) at the beginning of each Presidency</p> <p>- PSC - 1 per Presidency</p> <p>– at expert level 1 Troika meeting per Presidency alongside the following Working Parties: Arms exports, Africa, Asia/Oceania, Central and Southeast Europe, OSCE, Consular Affairs, Disarmament (incl. Disarmament group for small arms experts), Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Human Rights, Latin America, Non-proliferation, Terrorism, United Nations, Western Balkans, Middle East Peace Process (incl. Mashreq/Maghreb and the wider Middle East when requested).</p> <p>1 Meeting per Presidency at senior expert level on Terrorist Financing</p> <p>- Meeting of EU-USA-Canada senior officials on Iran, generally 1 per Presidency</p>	<p>1 per Presidency at Senior Official's level</p> <p>Regular contacts at level of Presidency of Council and Article 36 Ctee., specific contacts cover:</p> <p>– organised crime</p> <p>– (Europol Multidisciplinary Group)</p> <p>– trafficking in women</p> <p>– drugs (Horizontal Working Party on Drugs)</p> <p>asylum/immigration (CIREA/CIREFI)</p> <p>Terrorism</p> <p>EU/US agreements based on art. 38 TEU on mutual legal assistance and extradition</p> <p>EU/Europol agreement on non personal data (December 2001) and personal data (December 2002)</p> <p>Coop. Eurojust with US counterparts</p> <p>Immigration, visa, false documents</p>	<p><i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with the United States</i></p> <p><i>- legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure</i></p> <p><i>- meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i></p> <p><i>* Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue</i></p> <p><i>- legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure</i></p> <p><i>- meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i></p>

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UNITED STATES (continued)				<p>Since events of 11 September 2001 Coop. has been stepped up.</p> <p>- WG Terrorism meeting with US</p> <p>- Policy dialogue on Border and Transport Security</p>	
<b>CANADA</b>	<p>Framework Agreement for Commercial and Economic Coop. between the EC and Canada (OJ L 260 of 1976)</p> <p>Coreu BON 316 of 14.4.1988</p> <p>Joint Declaration of 22 November 1990 Coreu SEC 793/90</p> <p>EU-Canada Joint Declaration of 17 December 1996</p> <p>EU-Canada Partnership Agenda 18 March 2004</p> <p>*) The EU has put forward a proposal to streamline the political dialogue with Canada. (cf. doc. 14/826/05). No official reaction from Canada yet. EU Proposal: 1 summit a year, 1 FM a year, 1 PSC and POI Dir troika a year, 2 or 3 CG a year...</p>	<p>- 1 per Presidency: Summit between the Canadian PM, the President of the European Council, President of the Commission and SG/HR</p> <p>- 1 per Presidency: Ministerial between SG/HR, Foreign Relations Commissioner, FM Presidency and their Canadian counterpart</p> <p>- meeting of EU-Canada coordination group as required, generally 4 per year</p>	<p>1 per Presidency at senior official level (Political Directors Troika) and</p> <p>1 PSC + Canada meetings per year (not 4) on security and defence related matters</p> <p>ad hoc meetings of experts on matters of common interest (Non-proliferation, Disarmament (incl. Disarmament group for small arms experts), Terrorism, Human Rights, United Nations, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Africa, Asia/Oceania, Western Balkans, Arms exports)</p> <p>- meeting of EU-US-Canada senior officials on Iran, generally 1 per Presidency</p>	<p>Implementation of action plan by participation of Canada in work of Multidisciplinary Group, CIREA, CIREFI and several seminars.</p> <p>High level JHA meeting with Canada</p>	<p>Joint Coop. Ctee.</p> <p><i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with Canada</i></p> <p><i>- legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure</i></p> <p><i>- meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i></p>



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		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
<b>VII. MIDDLE EAST/GULF</b>  <b>GULF COOP. COUNCIL</b> (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates)	– 1988 Coop. Agreement (OJ L 54, 25.2.1989)  Joint Communiqué of the ministerial meeting and of the 6th EU-GCC Joint Council, Luxembourg, 22 April 1996 (CE-GOLFE 3501/96)  [but future Free Trade Agreement will be accompanied by provisions on CT]	1 ministerial meeting per year and Joint Council meeting at ministerial level (in Brussels/Luxembourg or in the Gulf region alternately)	– Meetings of EU-GCC senior officials  Ministerial meeting during the UNGA (Troika + 6 format – see Political Ctee. decision of 4 July 2000, Coreu SEC 1148/00 COR 1)  EU-GCC Meeting on Terrorist Financing (usually once a year)		<i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with the Gulf States, including Yemen - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i>  Joint Coop. Ctee.: 1 per year (officials)
<b>IRAQ</b>	EU-Iraq Joint declaration on Political Dialogue - 21 September 2005 (12547/05 - Press 244)		Ministerial troika meeting once a year in the margins of UNGA  ad hoc Ministerial and Senior Official meetings		
IRAN	Council conclusions of 23.2.1998  Council conclusions of 21.10.2002  Mandat adopted June 2002 on Draft Negotiating Directives for a Trade and Coop. Agreement, and separate instrument(s) on Political Dialogue and Counter-terrorism		"Comprehensive dialogue" at senior officials level, 2 per year (dormant at present)  EU-Iran human rights dialogue at senior experts level in Troika format, with (trial format for the first session) a roundtable including participation of experts from judiciary, civil society, national human rights institutions and representatives from academia, 2 per year.		<i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with Iran - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i>
YEMEN	1997 Coop. Agreement (OJ L 72, 11.3.1998)  Joint declaration on Political Dialogue (6 July 2004)		Political dialogue (periodically not defined; takes place when needed)		Coop. Ctee.: 1 per year (officials)

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		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
<b>VIII.</b> <b>ASIA/OCEANIA</b>					
<b>1. Bilateral</b>					
<b>AFGHANISTAN</b>	EU-Afghanistan Joint Declaration of 16 November 2005 (14519/05).		CFSP specific: formalised political dialogue, involving annual meetings at Ministerial level.		Ad hoc dialogue at all levels
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	Joint Declaration of 26 June 1997 (9305/97) Specific Bilateral agreements on Science and Technology (1994), Wine (1994), Standards and Certification (1999) Euratom / Australia Agreement (1982)	– meetings between the President of the Council, the President of the Commission, SG/HR and the Australian Prime Minister as necessary	– meetings with the Presidency at ministerial level as necessary – meetings at senior official level – experts (Asia/Oceania)	This country is part of the Dublin Group, bringing together in the fight against drugs, in addition to the Fifteen, the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, Norway and the UNDCP  Regular contacts under the aegis of the Presidency, with the General Secretariat of the Council acting as intermediary in the implementation of Action Plans drawn up by the High Level Working Group on Asylum and Migration	EC-Australia ministerial consultations once a year  <i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand</i> <i>- legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure</i> <i>- meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i>
<b>BANGLADESH</b>	New Co-operation Agreement on partnership and development (signed on 22 May 2000 and in force since 1 March 2001) (Official Journal L 118, 27.04.2001)				Joint Ctee.: every other year at directors' level + meetings in sub-groups
<b>CAMBODIA</b>	Coop. Agreement signed on 29 April 1996, entry into force 1 November 1999 (OJ L 269, 19.10.1999)				Joint Ctee. approximately every 2 years at experts' level

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		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
CHINA	Coop. Agreement (OJ L 250, 1985) and exchanges of letters of 9 June 1994 (COREU ATH 1209/94) and of 19 June 2002 (COREU MAD 0902/02)  Enhanced Political dialogue structure (Coreu MAD 1438/02 of 19.6.02)  Joint Statement of the Eighth China-EU Summit - Beijing, 5 September 2005 (11923/05) - Modalities to be confirmed	Annual summits between the Chinese Prime Minister, the President of the European Council and the President of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 per year at ministerial level as the Troika (alongside the UN General Assembly) + "irregular" meetings alternately in Beijing and in the EU Presidency capital</li> <li>- 1 per year : Strategic dialogue at Vice-ministerial level..</li> <li>- 1 per Presidency: Ambassadors of the EU Member States with the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs</li> <li>- 1 per Presidency: Presidency + Chinese Ambassador</li> <li>1 each per year, Political Directors and Regional Directors (Troika)</li> <li>Human rights dialogue, 1 per Presidency at senior officials level (Troika)</li> <li>Working Parties: Asia/Oceania, Non-proliferation, Conventional arms exports, Disarmament</li> </ul>	<p>High level consultations on combating illegal immigration and trafficking in human beings.</p> <p>Council conclusions on intensified Coop. on the management of migration flows.</p> <p>Mandate given to the Commission in November 2002 for negotiating a readmission agreement.</p>	<p>Joint Ctee.: 1 per year at ministerial level</p> <p><i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with China</i> - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</p>
NORTH KOREA	Council conclusions of 9 October 2000 and of 20 November 2000		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Senior Officials (EU Asia directors)</li> <li>- Experts (Asia/Oceania)</li> </ul>	<p><i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with the Korean peninsula</i> - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</p>	
SOUTH KOREA	Framework Coop. Agreement, entered into force on 1 April 2001 (is being revised in the light of the enlargement of the EU)  (Mixed Agreement)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>as required, meetings at Head of State level (Pres + Cion)</li> <li>1 per year at ministerial level (Troika) at senior official level, at unspecified intervals</li> <li>experts (Asia/Oceania, Disarmament, Non-proliferation)</li> </ul>	<p>Joint Ctee.; usually 1 per year at Senior Officials' level</p> <p><i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with the Korean peninsula</i> - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</p>	

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INDONESIA	Joint Declaration of 14 June 2000 (9273/00) Council conclusions of 11 October 2004		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– regular meetings at ministerial level between the EU Troika and Indonesia;</li> <li>– meetings of senior officials or experts organised as required</li> </ul>		
<b>INDIA</b>	1994 Coop. Agreement (OJ L 223, 1994) Joint Declaration, signed in Brussels on 20.12.1993 Council conclusions of 6.12.1996 Joint ministerial conclusions of 3.12.1999 Joint Declaration of 28 June 2000 (9552/00) Joint Declaration of 23 November 2001 (14090/01) Agreement on Science & Technology of 2001 Joint Declaration of 10 October 2002 (12994/02) Joint Declaration of 29 November 2003 (15378/03) Joint Declaration of 8 November 2004 (14431/04) Joint Political Declaration of 7 September 2005 (11985/05) Joint Action Plan of 7 September 2005 (11984/05)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– annual Summit meetings</li> <li>– annual meetings at ministerial level between India, of the one part, and the EU Troika, of the other part</li> <li>– 1 meeting per Presidency at senior official level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– COTER Troika</li> <li>- Security Dialogue at Senior Official level</li> <li>- Human Rights dialogue</li> <li>- dialogue on pluralism and diversity</li> <li>- exchange of views on regional Coop.</li> <li>- dialogue at official level in UN peacekeeping and peace-building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint Working Group on Consular Issues</li> <li>- Comprehensive Dialogue on migration issues</li> </ul>	1 Joint Commission 3 sub-commissions (trade, economic, development co-operation)
JAPAN	Joint Declaration, The Hague, 18 July 1991 (P 66/91) and Council conclusions of 29 May 1995 (7393/95) Political Ctee. Decision of 18 January 1996 (Coreu SEC 57/96) Shaping our Common Future: an Action Plan for EU-Japan Coop., 8 December 2001 [EU- Japan agreement for hte peaceful uses of nuclear energy still being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 meeting per year between the Prime Minister of Japan, the President of the European Council and the President of the Commission and SG/HR</li> <li>– 1 meeting per Presidency at ministerial level (Troika)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 meeting per Presidency at Political Directors level (Troika)</li> <li>– meetings at experts' level; Working Parties concerned: Asia/Oceania, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Western Balkans, Middle East/Gulf, Middle East Peace Process, Africa, Disarmament/Non-proliferation,</li> </ul>	This country is part of the Dublin Group, bringing together in the fight against drugs, in addition to the Fifteen, the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, Norway and the UNDCP	Action Plan Steering Group meets once every six months  <i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with Japan - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i>

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		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
	negotiated]  [Draft agreement between the European Communities and the Government of Japan concerning Coop. on anticompetitive activities, now before the Council. The European Parliament has already given its approval]		Human Rights, United Nations		
LAOS	Coop. Agreement signed on 29 April 1997, entry into force on 1 December 2000(OJ L 334, 1997)				Joint Ctee. approximately every 2 years at experts' level
MACAO	Coop. Agreement (OJ L 404 of 1992)			Readmission agreement in place.	1 Joint Ctee. per year at experts' level
MONGOLIA	Coop. Agreement (OJ L 41 of 1993)				1 Joint Ctee. per year at experts' level
NEPAL	Coop. Agreement (OJ L 137 of 1996)				Joint Ctee. approximately every 2 years at experts' level
NEW ZEALAND	Joint Declaration of 4 May 1999  EC/New Zealand Agreement on Standards and Certification (1999)		– regular meetings at ministerial level  – meetings at senior official level  – experts (Asia/Oceania)		EC/New Zealand Ministerial Consultation every year  <i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i>
PAKISTAN	Coop. Agreement (OJ L 108, 1986)  Political Ctee. Decision of 12-13 January 1992 (Coreu LIS 291/92)  New Coop. Agreement signed in November 2001; entry into force 1 September 2004 (OJ L 378, 2004)		– political dialogue at Deputy Political Directors' level  experts (Non-proliferation)  ad hoc high-level meetings	Mandate given to the Commission in September 2000 for negotiating a readmission agreement.	Joint Ctee.: every other year at directors' level + meetings in sub-groups

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		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
SRI LANKA	Coop. Agreement (OJ L 85 of 19.4.1995)  Statement by the EU and Sri Lanka on Political Dialogue of 16 May 1994 (Coreu ATH 758/94)		– meetings (troika) at the level of Ministers or officials, and, as needed, between the Sri Lankan authorities	Readmission agreement in place.	Joint Ctee. 1 per year at experts' level
TAIWAN	None				EC-Taiwan Consultations 1 per year at senior officials level
VIETNAM	Coop. Agreement, signed on 17 July 1995, entry into force on 1 June 1996 (OJ L 136 of 7.6.1996)				Joint Ctee. every 2 years at experts' level
<b>2. Multilateral</b>					
ASEAN  (Burma, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam)	EC-ASEAN Coop. Agreement (OJ L 144, 10.6.1980)  Karlsruhe Declaration of 23 September 1994  Communiqué of the EC-ASEAN Ministerial meeting in Manila, 29-30 October 1992  Vientiane Declaration, 11-12 December 2000	– Ministers meet at least once every two years as well as in the ARF and PMC every year  – Senior officials meet between the Ministers' meetings (in practice also once every two years)	political dialogue is an essential part of EU-ASEAN meetings at all levels	At the multilateral level, the EU will continue to work through ASEM and with regional bodies such as ASEAN, the ARF, the Shanghai Coop. Council and SAARC.	Joint Ctee. approximately every 2 years  <i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Assoc. of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i>
ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)	Chairman's statement from the First ARF, Bangkok 25 July 1994  1992 Singapore Declaration of the Fourth ASEAN Summit		- Ministers meet once a year  - Senior Officials meet once a year to prepare ministerial meeting  - Experts meet twice a year in Intersessional Support Group on CBMs  Some confidence building measures (seminars, workshops) can overlap	At the multilateral level, the EU will continue to work through ASEM and with regional bodies such as ASEAN, the ARF, the Shanghai Coop. Council and SAARC.	

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			with JHA issues		
SAARC (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka)		Ministerial meeting in the margins of UNGA		At the multilateral level, the EU will continue to work through ASEM and with regional bodies such as ASEAN, the ARF, the Shanghai Coop. Council and SAARC.	* <i>Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Assoc. of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)</i> - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)
ASEM (Brunei, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Burma/Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia)	Bangkok Declaration of 1 March 1996 and London Declaration of 4 April 1998  Asia Europe Coop. Framework (AECF 2000)	Meetings of Heads of State or Government every 2 years  Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Economic Affairs and Finance each year when substance so warrants (ASEM III Summit decision)  Senior officials meetings once or twice a year  Meeting of Coordinators (senior officials), Presidency/Commission on European side + 1 Northeast Asian and 1 Southeast Asian country, approximately twice a year	– since the discussion at the First ASEM Foreign Ministers Meeting in Singapore (15.2.1997), it may be deemed to be agreed that non- exclusive political dialogue will take place at future meetings  it was agreed at Bangkok (1/4.3.1996) that officials would consult regularly in the UN in New York  the ASEM 4 Summit (Copenhagen 22-24 September 2002) agreed on a declaration and an action plan to fight terrorism.	At the multilateral level, the EU will continue to work through ASEM and with regional bodies such as ASEAN, the ARF, the Shanghai Coop. Council and SAARC.	

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<b>IX. LATIN AMERICA</b>					
<b>1. Bilateral</b>					
ARGENTINA	Framework Agreement for Trade and Economic Coop. (OJ L 295, 26.10.90) (OJ L 208, 30.7.91)	(see Mercosur)	(see Mercosur)		– 1 Joint Ctee. per year at experts' level (in practice every 18 to 24 months), meeting alternately in Brussels or in Argentina
BRAZIL	Framework Coop. Agreement (OJ L 262, 1.11.95)  Framework Agreement for Trade and Economic Coop. (OJ L 295, 26.10.90) (OJ L 208, 30.7.91)	(see Mercosur)	(see Mercosur)  One troika at expert level on Disarmament and Non-proliferation per semester.		– 1 Joint Ctee. per year at experts' level (in practice every 18 to 24 months), meeting alternately in Brussels or in Brazil
CHILE	EU-Chile Assoc. Agreement (OJ L 352, 30.12.02), entered into force on 1 March 2005	the Assoc. Council meets at ministerial level, at regular intervals not exceeding a period of two years, to examine any major issue arising within the framework of the Agreement	regular meetings between Heads of State and Government  periodic meetings between Foreign Ministers (within the Assoc. Council on agreed occasions)  meetings between other Ministers to discuss matters of common interest  annual meeting between senior officials		Assoc. Ctee. composed of representatives of the members of the EU Council and of the Commission, on the one hand, and representatives of Chile, on the other. It meets generally once a year.  Special Ctee.s may be created by the Assoc. Council  Trade subCtee.s  <i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with Chile - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i>



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		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
CUBA	Agreement between EU Troika and Cuban MFA on Political Dialogue 12.11.01 in New York (SEC/2179/01)		1 per year, alternating between Cuba and Brussels		
MEXICO	Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Coop. Agreement (OJ L 276, 28.10.00)  Joint Declaration on political dialogue (Annexed to the Agreement)	regular meetings of the Joint Council (consisting of members of the EU Council, members of the Commission and members of the Mexican Government). In principle, it meets every year so far, always in Europe  Pres. Level (EU-Troika) at occasion of EU-LAC Summits	Political Dialogue  at Presidential level  at Ministerial level (mainly within the Joint Council)  at senior official level (once per year, at the occasion of the Joint Ctee. meetings)  diplomatic channels		1 Joint Ctee. per year at experts' level meeting alternately in Brussels or in Mexico  <i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with Mexico - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</i>
PARAGUAY	Framework Coop. Agreement (OJ L 313, 30.10.1992)	(see Mercosur)	(see Mercosur)		1 Joint Ctee. per year at experts' level (in practice every 18 to 24 months), meeting alternately in Brussels or in Paraguay
URUGUAY	Framework Coop. Agreement (OJ L 94, 8.4.92) (OJ L 286, 5.11.94)	(see Mercosur)	(see Mercosur)		1 Joint Ctee. per year at experts' level (in practice every 18 to 24 months), meeting alternately in Brussels or in Uruguay

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<b>2. Multilateral</b>  LATIN AMERICA, CARIBBEAN	– 1997 Amsterdam European Council conclusions	– I EU-LAC Summit: in Rio de Janeiro on 29 June 1999 – II Summit of EU-Latin America- Caribbean Heads of State or of Government in Madrid on 17 May 2002 – III EU-LAC Summit: in Mexico in 2004 [Summits take place every two years] – Follow-up mechanisms at SOM level	bilateral consultations at bi-regional level in UN system (in NY, Geneva, Vienna + Brussels)  SG/HR invited to conduct political dialogue with Latin American countries, on behalf of the Council, in accordance with Art. 26 TEU  Where possible, several Presidential (EU Troika) or ministerial meetings are held "back-to-back"	Global Action Plan on drugs confirmed at the Summit on 28/29 June 1999 at Rio  Yearly meetings with all LAC countries	<i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation            for relations with the            countries of Central            America            - legal basis: Art. 188 of            EP Rules of Procedure            - meetings: alternately            once a year (usually)</i>
ANDEAN COMMUNITY (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela)	1993 Framework Coop. Agreement (OJ L 127, 1998)  Joint Declaration on political dialogue, signed in Rome on 30 June 1996 (7722/96)  Joint Declaration by the Troika of Ministers for Justice and Home Affairs of the EU and the Ministers with responsibility for combating drug trafficking of the Andean Pact, signed in Brussels on 26 September 1995  Political Dialogue and Coop. Agreement, signed 15/12/03 in Rome (14856/03) - not yet ratified	where appropriate and agreed by both parties, at HOSG level	– Pol Dialogue meetings, (art.3 allows for very large agenda) at ministerial level, normally alongside the EU-Rio Group Ministerial meeting  at Senior official level  at working level  diplomatic channels	Meetings scheduled as part of the fight against drugs: – at ministerial level (JHA), as needed  – at senior technical officials' level, on a regular basis	– Joint Ctee. meeting in principle every year  – Joint Sub-Ctee.s  <i>* Inter-Parl. Delegation            for relations with the            Andean Community            - legal basis: Art. 188 of            EP Rules of Procedure            - meetings: alternately            once a year (usually)</i>

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RIO GROUP (all countries of South and Central America. The Caribbean countries attend as observers represented by one Caribbean country )	Rome Declaration of 20 December 1990 (P90/91 PE) and subsequent communiqués	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– annual meeting at ministerial level during the first half of the year, alternately in Latin America and in the country of the Presidency of the Council</li> <li>(the annual meeting does not take place when there is an EU-LAC Summit)</li> </ul>	1 meeting per year at ministerial level alongside the UN General Assembly ("15" or "open Troika" format, see Political Ctee. decision of 4 July 2000, Coreu SEC 1148/00 COR 1)		
MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay)	<p>Interregional Framework Agreement on Trade and Economic Coop. (entry into force: 1 July 1999)</p> <p>Joint Declaration on political dialogue (annexed to the Agreement) (OJ L 112, 29.4.99) (OJ L 175, 10.7.99)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– regular meetings between the Mercosur Heads of State and the highest authorities of the EU (in the margins of the EU-LAC Summit)</li> <li>– regular meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs (in the margins of the EU-Rio Group ministerial meetings: in practise every year, except when there is an EU-Mercosur Summit)</li> <li>– meetings of other Ministers</li> <li>– Coop. Council (normally every 18-24 months)</li> <li>– regular meetings of senior officials</li> </ul>	– political dialogue may be extended to Chile and Bolivia		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Coop. Ctee. (Commission plus representatives of the Member States, in principle once per year)</li> <li>– SubCtee. (same composition) in principle every six months</li> <li>* <i>Inter-Parl. Delegation for relations with Mercosur</i> - legal basis: Art. 188 of EP Rules of Procedure - meetings: alternately once a year (usually)</li> </ul>

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SAN JOSE (Members: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama; Cooperating countries: Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, Observers: Belize and the Dominican Republic)	Solemn Declaration signed in Florence on 21.6.1996 (6332/96)  Framework Coop. Agreement (OJ L 63, 12.3.99, p. 38)  18th Ministerial Conference of the San José Dialogue - Madrid, 18.05.2002 (8806/02)  Political Dialogue and Coop. Agreement, signed 15/12/03 in Rome (14855/03) - not yet ratified	The San José Ministerial Conferences will take place between the EU Troika and the Central American Foreign Ministers during the first half of each year at alternating venues. Plenary Conferences will continue to be convened by one of the parties, alternating as far as possible	Political dialogue is extended to Belize		– Joint Ctee. and SubCtee. meetings will be held consecutively, either on the same day or on successive days, at yearly intervals during the second half of each year at alternating venues

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<b>X. ACP</b>  (African, Caribbean and Pacific States)	<p>ACP-EC Partnership Agreement, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000 (OJ L 317, 15.12.00), revised 25 June 2005</p> <p>(Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>Duration: 20 years (financial protocols: five year periods)</p> <p>Revised agreement applies provisionally with effect from 25 June 2005 until its entry into force (OJ L 209, 11.8.2005)</p> <p>Entry into force: 1 April 2003, thus permitting release of 9th EDF funds.</p>	<p>– annual meetings of the ACP-EC Council of Ministers Venue: alternating between Brussels and the ACP countries Presidency: alternating according to the period of the year (Presidency of the Council on the Community side)</p> <p>– at least once a year, meeting of the ACP-EC Ctee. of Ambassadors in Brussels Presidency: alternating according to the period of the year (Presidency of the Council on the Community side)</p> <p>– regular meetings of ACP-EC Ctee.s, Sub-Ctee.s and experts in Brussels Presidency: alternating according to the period of the year (held de facto by the Commission on the Community side)</p> <p>– ACP-EC Development Finance Coop. Ctee. meets at least once a year (in Brussels) at Ambassadors' level and at Ministerial level prior to the meeting of the ACP-EC Council of Ministers Presidency: alternating according to the period of the year (Presidency of the Council on the Community side)</p> <p>– Meeting of the ACP-EC Joint Ministerial Trade Ctee. at least once a year Venue: alternating between Brussels and the ACP countries Presidency: alternately for a six-monthly period, by a member of the Commission or by an ACP Minister</p>	<p>Under Art. 8 of the Cotonou Agreement, all HOMs have been instructed to start political dialogue with ACP African countries (see SEC/2148/03)</p> <p>Guidelines for ACP-EU Political Dialogue (ACP-CE 2153/1/02 REV 1 agreed at last EU-ACP Council of Ministers in May 2003.</p> <p>Annex VII on Political Dialogue was added under the 2005 review and includes new actors (the ACP-EU Joint Parl. Assembly and the ACP Troika).</p> <p>Normally, political dialogue meetings are conducted by HOMs. However, in some cases, meetings take place at a higher level on a periodical basis (see below).</p>	<p>The Cotonou agreement includes provisions on the issue of migration.</p>	<p><i>* ACP-EU Joint Parl. Assembly</i> - legal basis: Art. 17. of the Cotonou Agreement - alternate meetings in plenary twice a year; - other bodies: . Ctee. on Political Affairs . Ctee. on Economic Development, Finance and Trade . Ctee. on Social Affairs and the Environment</p>

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<b>XI. AFRICA</b>  <b>1. Multilateral</b>  EU-AFRICA SUMMIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cairo Action Plan (7678/00)</li> <li>- Working arrangements for the biregional group at senior official level (11222/00)</li> <li>- Council conclusions on EU-Africa relations (GAERC on 21 July 2003)</li> <li>- Council conclusions on EU-Africa dialogue (GAERC on 17 November 2003)</li> <li>- Council conclusions on EU-Africa relations (GAERC on 26 April 2004)</li> <li>- Council conclusions on Peace and Security in Africa (GAERC on 22 November 2004)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summit meeting of Heads of State and Government on the basis of the principle of continuity</li> <li>- Meeting of ministers (between summits) Format is either troika from both sides or all countries from both sides</li> <li>- Bi-regional group at senior official level, meeting in principle twice a year, alternately in Europe and in Africa; EU representation format: Troika, plus delegates of those Member States wishing to attend</li> </ul> HOMs in Addis			
African Union (AU) (formerly OAU)	SEC/1696/03 EU-AU Ministerial troika, Maputo, 11 July 2003  SEC/2524/03 EU-Africa dialogue Ministerial, 10 November 2003	Future of the Dialogue – under discussion			
ECOWAS Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo (Mauritania declared its withdrawal in December 99)	Political Ctee. decision of 30 September 1999 (Coreu SEC 1483/99)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministerial plenary meetings when needed; (so far, only held once in St. Gerlach (NL) on 4 Sept. 2004);</li> <li>- Ministerial troikas every six months;</li> </ul> Ministerial meetings reinforced by SOMs meetings in Abuja and Brussels (HAG/0805/04 and HAG/1489/04).			
IGAD Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan Uganda		The first Ministerial troika meeting with IGAD took place in Kampala on 23 October 2003 (SEC 2409/03). ToR are contained in ROM 1117/03.			

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<b>SADC</b>  (Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, , South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe)	Declaration by the EU-SADC Ministerial Conference, Berlin, September 1994 (9287/94)  Joint communiqué of the EU-SADC Ministerial Conference in Windhoek, October 1996 (11194/96)  Agreed minutes EU-SADC Senior Officials meeting, Brussels, November 2003 (doc. 14829/03)	meetings of the Ministerial Conference as appropriate (format either troika or all delegations)  annual meetings of the Joint Ctee. of Senior Officials (format either troika or all delegations)  at least 1 meeting of the Joint Steering Ctee. per year (EU Troika format)  All these meetings take place in one of the two regions alternately	experts' (Disarmament)  regular meetings between HOMs in Gaborone and SADC Secretariat  regular meetings between SADC HOMs in Brussels and the EU troika		
<b>2. Bilateral</b>  SOUTH AFRICA	Trade, Development and Co-operation Agreement between the Community and the Republic of South Africa (TDCA) (mixed agreement). (OJ L 311, 4.12.99).  Provisional entry into force on 1 January 2000. . Fully entered into force on 1 May 2004 (OJ L 311, 4.12.99)  EU-South Africa political dialogue (COP/0780/02)	The Co-operation Council meets at regular intervals or when required by circumstances  Venue: Brussels, unless otherwise decided  Presidency: alternately by a member of the EU Council or by a South African Minister  One or more Co-operation Ctee.s may be set up to assist the Co-operation Council  (doc.13738/2/00)	TDCA became fully operational from 1 May 2004  Ad hoc Ministerial meetings, annual senior official meetings (Africa director)  EU Troika format  Venue for Senior Officials meetings to alternate between Brussels and Pretoria/Cape Town  4 meetings per year (HOMS and South African Director General)  – dialogue at experts' level (Non-proliferation)  experts' (Non-proliferation, Disarmament)		
SUDAN	Art. 8 of the Cotonou Agreement  EU-Sudan Joint Declaration (Coreu SEC 2071/00)  Council Concl. on Sudan (June 2002, complemented by subsequent conclusions).	In 2002, dialogue was extended to opposition (SPLM/A) and to civil society (see Council Conclusions). In December 2003, an EU Troika mission went to Khartoum to assess the progress of the dialogue and negotiate benchmarks for the following year.	Dialogue, the terms of reference for which are contained in Coreu documents HEL 0904/99 and 1166/99, is led on the EU side by HoMs in Khartoum with representatives of the Government of Sudan.		

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	Benchmarks for 2004 defined in SEC 2914/03	Troika meeting at Ministerial level took place in Khartoum on 13 October 2004.			
NIGERIA	Art. 8 of the Cotonou Agreement Council Conclusions on Nigeria (Nov. 2003)	Political dialogue at Ministerial level to be conducted on a regular basis (Coreu SEC 1102/04			
KENYA	Art. 8 of the Cotonou Agreement	The first ministerial troika meeting with Kenya took place in 18-19 Sept. 2003. ToR contained in ROM/0786/03.			



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<b>XII. NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT</b>	Political Ctee. decision of 6 September 1990 (Coreu ROM 703/90)		1 meeting at ministerial (Troika) level per year alongside the UN General Assembly		
<b>XIII. ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ORGANISATION (ICO)</b>	Political Ctee. decision of 17 May 1999 (Coreu SEC/0748)		1 meeting per year, alternately in an EU country and an ICO country. Level: EU: senior officials; ICO: deputy minister (Coreu SEC/1639/99)		
<b>XIV. ORGANISATION FOR SECURITY AND COOP. IN EUROPE</b>	PSC conclusions of 4 April 2001 (Coreu SEC 0704/01)  Council Conclusions on EU-OSCE co- operation in conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation (14527/1/03) adopted by the Council on 17 November 2003		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting between the EU troika, the OSCE troika and the OSCE Secretary General (once per presidency).</li> <li>- At the outset of each EU Presidency, the Presidency will address the Permanent Council of the OSCE.</li> <li>- Invitations, as appropriate, of representatives of the CiO, the OSCE Secretary General, heads of OSCE field presences and heads of OSCE institutions to informal meetings with the PSC during each Presidency.</li> <li>- Visits by the EU troika (at PSC level) to Vienna for meetings with the OSCE troika, EU Permanent Representatives to the OSCE and third countries, as appropriate.</li> <li>- Briefings by SG/HR for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the European Commissioner for external relations to the Permanent Council in Vienna, including meetings with the HoMs in Vienna, as and when deemed necessary.</li> <li>- Continued contacts between the</li> </ul>		

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			<p>SG/HR, the Commissioner for external relations and the OSCE CiO and Secretary General, as and when appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-ordination among the EU Member States' representations to the OSCE and the European Commission delegation in Vienna and co-ordination between them and the EU institutions and bodies in Brussels in order to facilitate synergies.</li> <li>- Invite, as appropriate, representatives of the OSCE Secretary General and Chairmanship in Office, Heads of Mission and Heads of OSCE institutions to informal meetings with relevant working groups</li> </ul>		

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