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Delegations will find attached updated 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 on 1 February 2004.

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## COMMITMENTS VIS-A-VIS THIRD COUNTRIES

	Legal basis/ Political commitment (1)	Council commitments			p.m. Commission-run activities
		Horizontal	CFSP-specific	JHA-specific	
<b>ENLARGEMENT</b>					
Two bilateral intergovernmental accession conferences with Bulgaria and Romania  (both accession negotiations and monitoring of progress and of commitments taken)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Article 49 of the TEU</li> <li>- For Bulgaria and Romania (candidates in negotiations)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conclusions of the Luxembourg European Council (12-13.12.1997)</li> <li>- Conclusions of the Helsinki European Council (10-11.12.1999)</li> <li>- Conclusions of the Nice European Council (7-9.12.2000)</li> <li>- Conclusions of the European Council in Brussels (24-25.10.2002) and in Copenhagen (12-13.12.2002)</li> <li>- Conclusions of the European Council in Thessaloniki (19-20.06.2003) and in Brussels (12.12.2003)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meetings at Foreign Minister level at least twice a year</li> <li>- Meetings at deputy level (COREPER + candidate State): at least four meetings a year</li> </ul>			<p>For each of the two candidates in negotiations: monitoring of candidates' progress towards alignment with the <i>acquis</i> and fulfilment of commitments taken</p> <p>For Turkey: analysis of its preparations for alignment with the <i>acquis</i>, intensified process of legislative scrutiny</p>

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<b>Global accession process</b>					
Bulgaria and Romania (see also bilateral relations entry below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Article 49 of the TEU</li> <li>- Accession Partnerships with the two candidates in negotiations (Bulgaria and Romania) (OJ L 145, 16.6.2003)</li> </ul> <p>Multilateral framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conclusions of the Copenhagen European Council (21-22.6.1993)</li> <li>- Council conclusions (7-8.3.1994)</li> <li>- Guidelines for enhanced political dialogue with the CCEE, Cyprus and Malta (Coreu SEC 660 31.5.1996)</li> </ul>		<p>One meeting at Political Directors' level (15+Cion+Assoc.) per Pres. and other meetings with the Troika at the Presidency's discretion.</p> <p>One meeting at Experts' level with the Troika: United Nations, Non-Proliferation, Conventional Arms Exports, Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Security, Terrorism, Human Rights, Drugs, Disarmament.</p> <p>One meeting at Experts' level with all the Partners: OSCE, Policy Planning, Consular affairs.</p>		<p>Management of PHARE, ISPA and SAPARD programmes</p> <p>Candidate countries' participation in Community programmes and agencies</p>
Turkey (see also bilateral relations entry below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Article 49 of the TEU</li> <li>- Revised Accession Partnership with Turkey (OJ L 145, 12.6.2003)</li> </ul> <p>Multilateral framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conclusions of the Copenhagen European Council (21-22.6.1993)</li> <li>- Council conclusions (7-8.3.1994)</li> <li>- Guidelines for enhanced political dialogue with the CCEE, Cyprus and Malta (Coreu SEC 660 31.5.1996)</li> </ul>				Accession Strategy for Turkey

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<b>European Conference</b>  (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 association process + Moldova, Ukraine and Russia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conclusions of the Luxembourg European Council (12-13.12.1997)</li> <li>- Conclusions of the Helsinki European Council (10-11.12.1999)</li> <li>- Conclusions of the Nice European Council (7-9.12.2000)</li> <li>- Conclusions of the Göteborg European Council (15/16.6.2001)</li> </ul>	<p>Multilateral framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Heads of State and of Government level: to be decided by each Presidency (usually in the margins of European Council meetings)</li> <li>- Foreign Minister level: to be decided by each Presidency</li> </ul>			
<b>I. Associated CCEE</b> (Bilateral relations)  BULGARIA	<p>Europe Association Agreement (OJ L 358, 31.12.1994)</p> <p>(Mixed Agreement)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meetings between the President of the European Council, the President of the Commission and the President of Bulgaria, when necessary</li> <li>- 1 Association Council per year at ministerial level dealing with all major bilateral or international matters (including political dialogue)</li> </ul>		<p>The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Association Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</li> <li>- Subcommittees: as appropriate (technical experts)</li> </ul>
ROMANIA	<p>Europe Association Agreement (OJ L 357, 31.12.1994)</p> <p>(Mixed Agreement)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- consultations as appropriate between the Parties at the highest political level</li> <li>- 1 Association Council per year at ministerial level dealing with all major bilateral or international matters (including political dialogue)</li> </ul>		<p>The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Association Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</li> <li>- Subcommittees: as appropriate (technical experts)</li> </ul>

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TURKEY (bilateral) (see also Enlargement: global accession process – CFSP-specific)	1963 Association Agreement (OJ L 217, 29.12.1964) (Mixed Agreement)  + Association 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 meeting per year between the Head of State or Government of Turkey, the President of the Council and the President of the Commission</li> <li>– 2 Association Councils per year at ministerial level [in practice one meeting per year]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministers for Foreign Affairs: 6-monthly meetings, one of which coincides with the Association Council while the other involves the Troika [commitment made in 1995; first FM troika meetings held in 2003 (2); 2 FM troika meetings scheduled in 2004 (March/September)]</li> <li>- 2 meetings per Presidency at Senior Official (Political Director) level (one troika and one EU all) [phasing out of EU/all (25) meetings envisaged; no such meeting scheduled under Irish Presidency (1/2004)]</li> <li>– 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))</li> <li>– Multilateral political dialogue with the CCEE, Cyprus and Malta.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– JHA Ministerial Troika Thessaloniki on 22-23 April 2002.</li> <li>– Implementation of Council conclusions on intensified cooperation on the management of migration flows.</li> <li>– Mandate for negotiating a readmission agreement given to the Commission in November 2002.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Customs Union Joint Committee</li> <li>- Association Committee (officials)</li> <li>- Association Council decision of 4.01.2002 according to which the Commission chairs the Association Committee</li> </ul>

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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 Committee 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.	- The Barcelona Declaration contains provisions concerning cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs - Follow-up to regional JHA plan agreed in April 2002 in Valencia.	

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<b>2. Bilateral</b>  ALGERIA	Cooperation Agreement signed on 26 April 1976 (Mixed Agreement) Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement <u>signed on 22 April 2002</u> (under ratification) (Mixed Agreement) Political agreement in Mondorf on 25 October 1997 – endorsed by Council on 26 January 1998):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Cooperation Council per year at ministerial level</li> <li>– Cooperation Committee: (officials)</li> <li>– Association Council 1 per year at ministerial level</li> <li>– Association Committee: usually 1 per year</li> </ul>	1 Informal ministerial meeting (troika format) per Presidency To be replaced by the Euro-med Association Agreement when it enters into force (see Egypt)	The Agreement with this country includes provisions on cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs, including readmission and cooperation 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 Association Committee.
EGYPT	Cooperation Agreement signed on 18 January 1977 (Mixed Agreement) Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement <u>signed on 25 June 2001</u> (under ratification) (Mixed Agreement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Cooperation Council per year at ministerial level</li> <li>– Cooperation Committee: (officials)</li> <li>– 1 Association Council per year at ministerial level</li> <li>– Association Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</li> </ul>	When the Euro-med Agreement enters into force: Political dialogue at regular intervals and as required, in particular – at ministerial level, mainly within the Association 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 cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs, including readmission and cooperation concerning the fight against terrorism	

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ISRAEL	Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement, entered into force on 1 June 2000 (OJ L 147, 21.6.2000)  (Mixed Agreement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Association Council per year at ministerial level</li> <li>– Association Committee: 1 per year (officials)</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 Association Council (at least 1 per year)</li> </ul> <p>made up of senior officials representing Israel, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission [none have taken place]</p> <p>meetings at expert level devoted to a certain issues can be convened [none have taken place]</p>	The Association Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs	Decision of March 2002 according to which the Commission chairs the Association Committee.
JORDAN	Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement entered into force on 1 May 2002 (JO L 121 du 15.5.02)  (Mixed Agreement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Association Council per year at ministerial level</li> <li>– Association Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</li> <li>– 1 Working Party and 8 Subcommittees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Working Party for Social Affairs</li> <li>– Internal Market</li> <li>– Industry trade, services and investment promotion</li> <li>– Transport, environment and energy</li> <li>– Research and innovation</li> <li>– Agriculture and fisheries</li> <li>– Justice and Security</li> <li>– Regional Cooperation</li> <li>– Customs cooperation</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 Association Council (at least 1 per year)</li> <li>– made up of senior officials representing Jordan, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission</li> </ul>	The Association Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs, including readmission	Decision of March 2002 according to which the Commission chairs the Association Committee.

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LEBANON	Cooperation Agreement signed on 3 May 1977  (Mixed Agreement)  Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement signed on 17 June 2002  (Mixed Agreement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Cooperation Council per year at ministerial level</li> <li>– Cooperation Committee (officials)</li> <li>– 1 Association Council per year at ministerial level</li> <li>– Association Committee: 1 per year (officials)</li> </ul>	<p>When the Euro-med Agreement enters into force:</p> <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 Association Council (when circumstances require)</li> <li>– made up of senior officials representing Lebanon, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission</li> </ul>	The Association Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning cooperation 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 Association Committee.
MOROCCO	Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement entered into force on 1 March 2000 (OJ L 70, 17.3.2000)  (Mixed Agreement)  Decision n° 1/2001 at the Association Council (OJ L 12, 21 April 2001)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Association Council per year at ministerial level</li> <li>– Association Committee: 1 per year (officials)</li> <li>– Working Group on Social Affairs and Migrations (officials)</li> <li>– 6 Subcommittees: <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 Association Council (at least 1 per year)</li> <li>– made up of senior officials representing Morocco, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission</li> </ul>	<p>Contacts with this country, established within the TREVI 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</p> <p>The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs</p> <p>Under this agreement an ad-hoc group has been created dealing with JHA matters.</p> <p>Dialogue with the Moroccan authorities on migrations issues, including EU's action plan for Morocco within the working Group on Social Affairs and Migrations.</p> <p>Council conclusions on intensified cooperation on the management of migration flows.</p> <p>Mandate given to the Commission in September 2000 for negotiating a readmission agreement.</p>	Decision of March 2002 according to which the Commission chairs the Association Committee.

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PLO / PA	Interim Association Agreement signed on 24 February 1997, entered into force 1 July 1997  (OJ L 187, 16.7.1997)  Joint Declaration signed at the same time		Political dialogue at regular intervals and as required, in particular  – at ministerial or equivalent level [none have taken place]  made up of senior officials representing PLO/PA, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission		Joint Committee, 1 per year (senior officials)
SYRIA	Cooperation Agreement signed on 18 January 1977  (Mixed Agreement)  Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement being negotiated  (Mixed Agreement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Cooperation Council per year at ministerial level</li> <li>– Cooperation Committee (officials)</li> <li>– 1 Association Council per year at ministerial level</li> <li>– Association Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</li> </ul>	p.m. Euro-Med Association agreement. Being negotiated.	The Association Agreement with this country might include provisions concerning cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs	
TUNISIA	Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement entered into force on 1 March 1998  (OJ L 97, 30.3.1998)  (Mixed Agreement)  Decision No 2/99 of the Association Council  (OJ L 258, 5.10.99)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Association Council per year at ministerial level</li> <li>– Association Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</li> <li>– Working Party on Social Affairs (officials)</li> <li>– 6 Subcommittees: <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>	Political dialogue at regular intervals and as required, in particular  – at ministerial level, mainly within the Association Council (at least 1 per year)  – made up of senior officials representing Tunisia, the Presidency of the Council and the Commission	The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs  Council conclusions on intensified cooperation on the management of migration flows.	Decision of March 2002 according to which the Commission chairs the Association Committee.

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<b>III. OTHER STATES IN WESTERN EUROPE</b>  EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA  (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein)	Agreement on the European Economic Area (OJ L 1, 3.1.1994)  (Mixed Agreement)  Joint Declaration on political dialogue adopted by the EEA Council on 30 May 1995 (EEE 1604/95)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– regulate meetings between the Prime Ministers of the EEA States, the President of the European Council and the President of the Commission</li>   <li>– two EEA Councils per year at ministerial level, dealing with all major bilateral or international matters (including political dialogue)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– possible meetings at Political Director level</li>   <li>– 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</li> </ul>	Meetings are held at all levels in the framework of the Joint Committee	Joint Committee (several meetings a year; a number of subcommittees have been set up)



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ICELAND	Agreement between the EEC and the Republic of Iceland (Free Trade Agreement) (OJ L 301, 31.12.1972)			Meetings at all levels in the framework of the Mixed Committee on issues which are covered by "Schengen" cooperation  Regular contacts under the aegis of the Presidency with the Council GS acting as intermediary in the context of implementation of action plans drawn up by the High-level Working Group on Asylum and Migration	Joint Committee (irregular intervals)
NORWAY	Agreement between the EEC and the Kingdom of Norway (Free Trade Agreement) (OJ L 171, 27.6.1973)			Meetings at all levels in the framework of the Mixed Committee on issues which are covered by "Schengen" cooperation	Joint Committee (irregular intervals)
ANDORRA	Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the EEC and the Principality of Andorra (OJ L 374, 31.12.1990)  Cooperation Agreement being negotiated				Joint Committee (irregular intervals)
SAN MARINO	Agreement on Cooperation and Customs Union Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of San Marino (OJ L 84, 28.03.2002)  In force, since 01.04.2002				Cooperation Committee (irregular intervals)

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<b>IV. EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA</b>					
ARMENIA	Entry into force on 1 July 1999 of the Partnership and Cooperation 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)	Cooperation Council: 1 per year at ministerial level  The Cooperation 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 Cooperation Council.	The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs	Cooperation Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)
AZERBAIJAN	Entry into force on 1 July 1999 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement signed on 22 April 1999 (OJ L 246, 17.9.1999) (Mixed Agreement)  Joint Action 2003/872/CFSP (OJ L 326, 13 December 2003)	Cooperation Council: 1 per year at ministerial level  The Cooperation 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 Cooperation Council.	The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs	Cooperation Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)
BELARUS	1989 EEC-USSR Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 68, 15.3.1990) Interim Agreement signed on 25 March 1996 (not yet concluded) (5671/96)  Partnership Agreement signed on 6 March 1995 (4890/95) (PCA not yet ratified by all ms)  (Mixed Agreement)				

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GEORGIA	<p>Entry into force on 1 July 1999 of the Partnership and Cooperation 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)</p>	<p>Cooperation Council: 1 per year at ministerial level</p> <p>The Cooperation 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 Cooperation Council.</p>	<p>The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs</p>	<p>Cooperation Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</p>
KAZAKHSTAN	<p>Entry into force on 1 July 1999 of the Partnership and Cooperation 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>Cooperation Council: 1 per year at ministerial level</p> <p>The Cooperation 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 cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs. Cooperation Committee held on 14 December 2002 in Kazakhstan.</p> <p>The first JHA sub-committee took place in Astana on 14 November 2002.</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>Cooperation Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</p>

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KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	<p>Entry into force on 1 July 1999 of the Partnership and Cooperation 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>Cooperation Council: 1 per year at ministerial level</p> <p>The Cooperation 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 cooperation 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>Cooperation Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</p>
MOLDOVA	<p>Entry into force on 1 July 1998 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement signed on 28 November 1994 (OJ L 181, 24.6.1998)</p> <p>(Mixed Agreement)</p>	<p>Cooperation Council: 1 per year at ministerial level</p> <p>The Cooperation 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</p>	<p>The Agreement with this country includes provisions concerning cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs</p> <p>Meetings of subcommittee dealing with JHA affairs took place in May 1999, September 2000 and July 2003. A 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is scheduled for 2004, poss. September.</p>	<p>Cooperation Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</p>

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UZBEKISTAN	<p>Entry into force on 1 July 1999 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement signed on 21 June 1996 (OJ No L 229, 31.8.1999) (Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>GAERC, 10 December 2001 (15078/01)</p> <p>Dublin European Council (December 1996)</p>	<p>Cooperation Council: 1 per year at ministerial level The Cooperation 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 cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs</p> <p>The first JHA sub-committee meeting took place on 23 July 2002.</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>Cooperation Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</p>

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RUSSIA	<p>Joint Political Declaration of 9 December 1993 (11237/93)</p> <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>EU Common Strategy on Russia (conclusions of the Cologne European Council 3-4.6.1999) (OJ L 157, 24.6.1999, p. 1)</p> <p>Joint Declaration on Reinforcement of Dialogue and Cooperation 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>Moscow Declaration (22 May 2002)</p> <p>St. Petersburg Declaration 12 May 2003 on creation of four common spaces (economy; freedom, security and justice; external security; research and education, including culture).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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 (e.g. Justice and Home Affairs, Transport, Environment etc.).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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]</li> <li>- the High Representative for the CFSP and the Russian authorities, primarily the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, hold consultations on international developments and crisis management issues</li> <li>- two meetings of Political Directors with Russia per Presidency, one at which EU represented by EU Troika and one with participation of all Member States.</li> <li>- monthly meetings between the Troika of the EU PSC and Russia, (consultations on crisis prevention and management) when not coinciding with other political dialogue meetings</li> <li>- 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; Russia still refuses meetings in two last formats.</li> </ul> <p>The dialogue may be conducted on a regional basis</p>	<p>Subcommittee No 6 on fight against crime (half yearly meetings held since 27 January 1999. The next meeting is scheduled for 27-28 May 2004 in Moscow.</p> <p>The PPC in JHA Ministers formation will meet twice with Russia in 2004.</p> <p>Liaison officers meetings where appropriate with participation of Russian authorities are held every semester.</p> <p>The action plan on organised crime was agreed to by the two Parties in May 2000.</p> <p>Sometimes meetings in the margins of CATS, SCIFA, Terrorism, Drugs, CIREFI etc.</p> <p>Council conclusions on intensified cooperation on the management of migration flows.</p> <p>Mandate given to the Commission in September 2000 for negotiating a readmission agreement.</p> <p>Commission in April 2004 has requested Council mandate to negotiate agreement on visa facilitation</p>	<p>Cooperation Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</p> <p>Sub-Committee structure being reviewed by the Commission.</p>

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TAJKISTAN	<p>1989 EEC-USSR Trade and Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 68, 15.3.1990)</p> <p>GAERC, 10 December 2001 (15078/01)</p> <p>Partnership and Cooperation Agreement initialled on 16 December 2003 and now awaiting signature.</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 Committee (senior experts)</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 Committee: 1 per year, usually in December.
TURKMENISTAN	<p>1989 EEC-USSR Trade and Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 68, 15.3.1990)</p> <p>Partnership and Cooperation 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>GAERC, 10 December 2001 (15078/01)</p> <p>Dublin European Council (December 1996)</p>		<p>Informal meeting on human rights held in margins of Joint Committee on 21 January 2001</p> <p>To pursue enhanced political dialogue</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 Committee: in principle 1 per year (officials) but no meeting between 20 November 1999 and 21 January 2004.

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UKRAINE	<p>Entry into force on 1 March 1998 of the Partnership Agreement signed on 14 June 1994 (OJ L 49, 19.2.1998)</p> <p>(Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>EU Common Strategy on Ukraine (conclusions of the Helsinki European Council 10-12.12.1999, prolonged by European Council 12-13.12.2003) (OJ L 331, 23.12.1999, p. 1)</p>	<p>1 per year : Summit between the Ukrainian President, the President of the European Council and the President of the Commission</p> <p>Cooperation Council: 1 per year at ministerial level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– where appropriate, consultations are organised between the parties at the highest political level</li> <li>– at ministerial level, political dialogue takes place within the Cooperation 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]</li> <li>– regular meetings of senior officials, including ad hoc meetings with PSC (normally one per Presidency)</li> <li>– Troika meetings at expert level on Disarmament, Non-proliferation, Conventional arms exports, OSCE, Eastern Europe and Central Asia</li> </ul>	<p>Several meetings of the Subcommittees on JHA were held since March 1999.</p> <p>The first meeting of the troika of JHA ministers with Ukraine took place in Brussels on 11 November 2002. The second one took place on 29 March 2004.</p> <p>Meeting of the troika on the Art. 36 Committee/SCIFA with Ukraine.</p> <p>Global Joint Action Plan on JHA was jointly adopted by EU and Ukraine in December 2001.</p> <p>Meeting with Ukraine of CIREFI group, Terrorism Working Party, EUROJUST and liaison officers on dates to be fixed.</p> <p>Council conclusions on intensified cooperation on the management of migration flows.</p> <p>Mandate given to the Commission in June 2002 for negotiating a readmission agreement.</p>	<p>Cooperation Committee: usually 1 per year (officials)</p> <p>Several sub-committees on specific issues</p>

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<p><b>V. WESTERN BALKANS</b></p> <p>Western Balkans States to participate in the EU-WB Summit at Thessaloniki, 21 June 2003</p> <p>Covering the five countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process (SAP)</p>	<p>New high level political forum - the Zagreb Process – between the EU and the 5 SAP countries (basis Council conclusions of 13/05/02, doc 8649/02 Press 124)</p> <p>Joint Declaration between the EU (represented by the JHA troika) and the 5 SAP countries on the follow-up to the Zagreb Summit regarding regional co-operation in the area of asylum and immigration, done in Sarajevo on 28/03/01 (doc 7366/01 Press 124)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- regular ministerial meetings to discuss key issues of common interest</li> </ul>	<p>Annual Meetings of EU foreign affairs Ministers with SAP counterparts as appropriate</p>	<p>Annual Meetings of EU Justice and Home Affairs Ministers with SAP counterparts as appropriate</p> <p>Regular meetings at expert level between representatives of the 5 SAP countries and competent Council bodies (CIREFI) [basis: agreed minutes of the high officials meeting between the UE and the SAP countries on the follow-up to the 28/03/01 Sarajevo Joint Declaration, done in Belgrade on 30/11/01; (doc 5261/02)]</p> <p>For all countries, the EU is focussing on fighting organised crime. After the London Conference (Nov. 2002) a follow up has been organised at JHA-troika level (April 2003), in the margins of the Thessaloniki Summit (June 2003) and in Brussels (November 2003).</p>	
ALBANIA	<p>1992 Agreement on trade and commercial and economic co-operation, signed on 11/05/92 [OJ L 343 of 25.11.1992]</p> <p>Joint Declaration on political dialogue dated 11/05/92 (Coreu LIS 628/92)</p> <p>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)].</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- regular meetings at ministerial level [meets on average once per year, EU represented by troika]</li> <li>- as well as at high officials level between Albania, Presidency and Commission</li> <li>- contacts at parliamentary level</li> </ul>	<p>Implementation of the Council conclusions on intensified cooperation on management of migration flows.</p> <p>Mandate given to the Commission (Nov 2002) for negotiating a readmission agreement.</p>	<p>Joint Committee EC-Albania (basis 1992 Agreement, title V) meets on average once per year at high-official level</p> <p>Consultative Task Force EU-Albania (EU represented by Presidency and Commission) meets on average at expert level every 3/4 months</p>

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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>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular high level meetings between BiH and the EU troika,</li> <li>- Contacts at parliamentary level</li> <li>- Any other means</li> </ul>	JHA clause in stabilization and association agreement.	Consultative Task Force: EU-BiH (EU represented by Presidency and Commission)
CROATIA	<p>Joint Consultative Task force [basis Council conclusion of 21/01/00 and of 11-12/07/01; terms of reference approved by Council on 14-15/02/00, amended by written procedure (doc6231/00)]</p> <p>Stabilisation and Association Agreement, signed on 29/10/01 (doc. 11169/01 + ADDENDA). Entry into force pending ratification by Member States</p> <p>Interim Agreement, signed on 29/10/01 (OJ L 330 of 14/12/01). Provisionally applied from 01/01/02 onwards, entered into force on 01/03/02 (OJ L 40 of 12/02/02)</p> <p>Joint Declaration on political dialogue dated 29/10/01 (OJ C 320/01 of 15/11/01)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High level meetings between Croatia and the EU troika [on average once per year at ministerial level],</li> <li>- contacts at parliamentary level</li> <li>- Any other means</li> </ul>		<p>Joint Consultative Task force EU-Croatia (EU represented by Presidency and Commission) (meets no longer)</p> <p>Interim Committee, [basis: Interim Agreement, art 38 and following]. Meetings on average once per year at high official level .</p> <p>Set up working groups (Decision 1/02 of the Interim Committee dated 19/04/02, OJ C227/02 of 24/09/02)</p>

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FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	<p>Co-operation Agreement, signed on 29/04/97, entered into force on 01/01/98, (JO L348/97 of 18/12/97) [to be replaced by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement after its' entry into force on 1 April 2004]</p> <p>Joint Declaration on political dated 29/04/97 (doc 7742/97) [to be replaced by title II of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement after its entry into force on 1 April 2004]</p> <p>Stabilisation and Association Agreement signed on 09/04/01 (doc. 6727/01 + ADDENDA). Entry into force pending ratification by Member States</p> <p>Interim Agreement, signed 09/04/01 [OJ L 124 of 4.5.2001), entered into force on 01/06/01 (JO C 149 of 19.5.2001)</p>		<p>With the entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association agreement on 1 April 2004, the political dialogue between the parties will take place within the Stabilisation and Association Council, as well as, for the parliamentary side, within the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee</p>		<p>Co-operation Council, (basis Co-operation Agreement, but taken over by Interim Agreement, meets on average once per year at high-official level.</p> <p>Set up working parties at expert level (Decision 1/98 of the Co-operation Council of 20/03/98, JO L190/48 du 04/07/98)</p> <p>Will be replaced by the Stabilisation and Association Committee after the Stabilisation and Association Agreements enters into force on 1 April 2004, and the bodies create within this new framework</p>
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO  (Formerly Federal republic of Yugoslavia)	<p>Consultative Task Force EU-FRY [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>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular high level meetings between BiH and the EU troika,</li> <li>- Contacts at parliamentary level</li> <li>- Any other means</li> </ul>		<p>Consultative Task Force EU-FRY</p> <p>Meantime replaced by the "Enhanced Permanent Dialogue" mechanism (EPD) EU represented by Cion and Presidency). (Council 14.4.03). Meetings take place every 3 months.</p>

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<b>VI. NORTH AMERICA</b>					
UNITED STATES	<p>Transatlantic Declaration of 23 November 1990</p> <p>"New Transatlantic Agenda" of 3 December 1995</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 per Presidency: Summit between the US President, the President of the European Council, President of the Commission and SG/HR</li> <li>- at ministerial level, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>= 1 per year (first half), meeting troika (Presidency, SG/HR and COM with their US counterpart)</li> <li>= ad hoc meetings (normally 1 per year during the second half) of EU 15, SG/HR and COM with their US counterpart</li> </ul> </li> <li>- meeting 2-3 times per Presidency of the Senior Level Group (SLG) (Presidency, SG/HR and COM with their US counterpart)</li> <li>- Enhanced Security Dialogue: meets at minimum twice yearly (Presidency, SG/HR and COM with their US counterpart)</li> <li>- meeting 2-3 times per Presidency of the Task Force (Presidency, SG/HR and COM with their US counterpart)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meetings at Political Director level (troika format) at the beginning of each Presidency + as required</li> <li>- PSC - as required</li> </ul>	<p>1 per Presidency at Senior Official's level</p> <p>Regular contacts at level of Presidency of Council and Article 36 Committee, specific contacts cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- organised crime</li> <li>- (Europol Multidisciplinary Group)</li> <li>- trafficking in women</li> <li>- drugs (Horizontal Working Party on Drugs)</li> <li>- asylum/immigration (CIREA/CIREFI)</li> <li>- Terrorism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU/US agreements based on art. 38 TEU on mutual legal assistance and extradition</li> <li>• EU/Europol agreement on non personal data (December 2001) and personal data (December 2002)</li> <li>• Cooperation Eurojust with US counterparts</li> <li>• Immigration, visa, false documents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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UNITED STATES (continued)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- at expert level 1 Troika meeting per Presidency alongside the following Working Parties: Arms exports, Africa, Asia/Oceania, [Central Europe]<sup>1</sup>, OSCE, Consular Affairs, Disarmament (incl. Disarmament group for small arms experts), Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Human Rights, Latin America, Mashreq/Maghreb, Non-proliferation, Terrorism, United Nations, Western Balkans, [Southeast Europe], Middle East/Gulf, Middle East Peace Process.</li> <li>- Meeting of EU-USA-Canada senior officials on Iran, generally 1 per Presidency</li> </ul>	<p>Since events of 11 September 2001 cooperation has been stepped up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WG Terrorism meeting with US</li> <li>- Enhanced Security Dialogue</li> </ul>	
CANADA	<p>Framework Agreement for Commercial and Economic Cooperation 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 per Presidency: Summit between the Canadian PM, the President of the European Council, President of the Commission and SG/HR</li> <li>- 1 per Presidency: Ministerial between SG/HR, Foreign Relations Commissioner, FM Presidency and their Canadian counterpart</li> <li>- 1 per Presidency: troika meeting (Pres., SG/HR and COM) with their Canadian counterpart</li> <li>- meeting of EU-Canada coordination group as required, generally 4 per year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 per Presidency at senior official level (Political Directors Troika) and</li> <li>- 4 PSC + Canada meetings per year on security and defence related matters</li> <li>- ad hoc meetings of experts on matters of common interest (Non-proliferation, Disarmament (incl. Disarmament group for small arms experts), Human Rights, United Nations, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Africa, Asia/Oceania, Western Balkans, Arms exports)</li> <li>- meeting of EU-US-Canada senior officials on Iran, generally 1 per Presidency</li> </ul>	<p>Implementation of action plan by participation of Canada in work of Multidisciplinary Group, CIREA, CIREFI and several seminars.</p> <p>CAN/SCIFA meeting with US</p>	Joint Cooperation Committee

<sup>1</sup> subject to decision on future of COCEN and COSEE.

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<b>VII. MIDDLE EAST/GULF</b>  GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1988 Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 54, 25.2.1989)</li> <li>– Joint Communiqué of the ministerial meeting and of the 6th EU-GCC Joint Council, Luxembourg, 22 April 1996 (CE-GOLFE 3501/96)</li> <li>– [but future Free Trade Agreement will be accompanied by provisions on CT]</li> </ul>	1 ministerial meeting per year and Joint Council meeting at ministerial level (in Brussels/Luxembourg or in the Gulf region alternately)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Meetings of EU-GCC senior officials</li> <li>– Ministerial lunch during the UNGA (15+6 or Troika + 6 format – see Political Committee decision of 4 July 2000, Coreu SEC 1148/00 COR 1)</li> </ul>		Joint Cooperation Committee: 1 per year (officials)
IRAN	Council conclusions of 23.2.1998 Council conclusions of 21.10.2002		"Comprehensive dialogue" at senior officials level, 2 per year  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.		
YEMEN	1997 Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 72, 11.3.1998)		Political dialogue under consideration		Cooperation Committee: 1 per year (officials)

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<b>VIII. ASIA/OCEANIA</b>					
<b>1. Bilateral</b>					
AFGHANISTAN					Ad hoc dialogue at all levels
AUSTRALIA	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	
BANGLADESH	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 Committee: every other year at directors' level + meetings in sub-groups
CAMBODIA	Cooperation Agreement signed on 29 April 1996, entry into force 1 November 1999  (OJ L 269, 19.10.1999)				Joint Committee approximately every 2 years at experts' level

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CHINA	Cooperation 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)	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 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> </ul> Working Parties: Asia/Oceania, Non-proliferation, Conventional arms exports, Disarmament	High level consultations on combating illegal immigration and trafficking in human beings.  Council conclusions on intensified cooperation on the management of migration flows.  Mandate given to the Commission in November 2002 for negotiating a readmission agreement.	Joint Committee: 1 per year at ministerial level
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>		
SOUTH KOREA	Framework Cooperation Agreement, entered into force on 1 April 2001  (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)</li> <li>- at senior official level, at unspecified intervals</li> <li>- experts (Asia/Oceania, Disarmament, Non-proliferation)</li> </ul>		Joint Committee; usually 1 per year at Senior Officials’ level

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INDONESIA	Joint Declaration of 14 June 2000 (9273/00)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– meetings at ministerial level as required between the EU Troika and Indonesia;</li> <li>– meetings of senior officials or experts organised as required</li> </ul>		
INDIA	<p>1994 Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 223, 1994)</p> <p>Joint Declaration, signed in Brussels on 20.12.1993</p> <p>Council conclusions of 6.12.1996</p> <p>Joint ministerial conclusions of 3.12.1999</p> <p>Joint Declaration of 28 June 2000 (9960/00)</p> <p>Joint Declaration of 23 November 2001 (14090/01)</p> <p>Joint Declaration of 10 October 2002 (12994/02)</p> <p>Agreement on Science &amp; Technology of 2001</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– regular 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> <li>– COTER Troika</li> </ul>		<p>1 Joint Commission</p> <p>3 sub-commissions (trade, economic, development co-operation)</p>
JAPAN	<p>Joint Declaration, The Hague, 18 July 1991 (P 66/91) and Council conclusions of 29 May 1995 (7393/95)</p> <p>Political Committee Decision of 18 January 1996 (Coreu SEC 57/96)</p> <p>Shaping our Common Future: an Action Plan for EU-Japan Cooperation, 8 December 2001</p> <p>[EU- Japan agreement for hte peaceful uses of nuclear energy still being negotiated]</p> <p>[Draft agreement between the European Communities and the Government of Japan concerning cooperation on anticompetitive activities, now before the Council. The European Parliament has already given its approval]</p>	<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, Human Rights, United Nations</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	

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LAOS	Cooperation Agreement signed on 29 April 1997, entry into force on 1 December 2000(OJ L 334, 1997)				Joint Committee approximately every 2 years at experts' level
MACAO	Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 404 of 1992)			Readmission agreement initialled on 18 October 2002.	1 Joint Committee per year at experts' level
MONGOLIA	Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 41 of 1993)				1 Joint Committee per year at experts' level
NEPAL	Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 137 of 1996)				Joint Committee approximately every 2 years at experts' level
NEW ZEALAND	Joint Declaration of 4 May 1999 EC/New Zealand Agreement on Standards and Certification (1999)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– regular meetings at ministerial level</li> <li>– meetings at senior official level</li> <li>– experts (Asia/Oceania)</li> </ul>		EC/New Zealand Ministerial Consultation every two years
PAKISTAN	Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 108, 1986)  Political Committee Decision of 12-13 January 1992 (Coreu LIS 291/92)  New Cooperation Agreement signed in November 2001, conclusion (8108/99 and 9290/98) pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– political dialogue at Deputy Political Directors' level</li> <li>– experts (Non-proliferation)</li> <li>– ad hoc high-level meetings</li> </ul>	Mandate given to the Commission in September 2000 for negotiating a readmission agreement.	Joint Committee: every other year at directors' level + meetings in sub-groups

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SRI LANKA	Cooperation 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 initialled in May 2002.	Joint Committee 1 per year at experts' level
TAIWAN	None				EC-Taiwan Consultations 1 per year at senior officials level
VIETNAM	Cooperation Agreement, signed on 17 July 1995, entry into force on 1 June 1996 (OJ L 136 of 7.6.1996)				Joint Committee every 2 years at experts' level

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<b>2. Multilateral</b>					
ASEAN (Burma, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam)	EC-ASEAN Cooperation 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministers meet at least once every two years as well as in the ARF and PMC every year</li> <li>- Senior officials meet between the Ministers' meetings (in practice also once every two years)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- political dialogue is an essential part of EU-ASEAN meetings at all levels</li> </ul>		Joint Committee approximately every 2 years
ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)	Chairman's statement from the First ARF, Bangkok 25 July 1994  1992 Singapore Declaration of the Fourth ASEAN Summit		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministers meet once a year</li> <li>- Senior Officials meet once a year to prepare ministerial meeting</li> <li>- Experts meet twice a year in Intersessional Support Group on CBMs</li> </ul> <p>Some confidence building measures (seminars, workshops) can overlap with JHA issues</p>		
SAARC (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka)		Ministerial meeting in the margins of UNGA			

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ASEM (Brunei, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea)	Bangkok Declaration of 1 March 1996 and London Declaration of 4 April 1998  Asia Europe Cooperation 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 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</li> <li>– it was agreed at Bangkok (1/4.3.1996) that officials would consult regularly in the UN in New York</li> <li>– the ASEM 4 Summit (Copenhagen 22-24 September 2002) agreed on a declaration and an action plan to fight terrorism. Follow-up expected to be decided at next ASEM Foreign Ministers meeting in Indonesia in 2003</li> </ul>	<p>At the second Asia/Europe meeting on 3/4 April 1998 it was agreed to enhance cooperation in combating illicit drugs and money laundering</p> <p>Declaration of the ASEM ministerial Conference on cooperation for the management of migration flows between Europe and Asia (Lanzarote 4/5 April 2002) requested director generals in charge of migration to ensure follow- up. Meeting was held in December 2002.</p>	

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<b>IX. LATIN AMERICA</b>					
<b>1. Bilateral</b>					
ARGENTINA	Framework Agreement for Trade and Economic Cooperation (OJ L 295, 26.10.90) (OJ L 208, 30.7.91)	(see Mercosur)	(see Mercosur)		– 1 Joint Committee per year at experts' level (in practice every 18 to 24 months), meeting alternately in Brussels or in Argentina
BRAZIL	Framework Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 262, 1.11.95)  Framework Agreement for Trade and Economic Cooperation (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 Committee per year at experts' level (in practice every 18 to 24 months), meeting alternately in Brussels or in Brazil
CHILE	– EU-Chile Association Agreement (OJ L 352, 30.12.02)  – Joint Declaration on political dialogue between the EU and Chile, signed in Florence on 21 June 1996 (annexed to the EC-Chile Framework Co-operation Agreement: OJ L 12, 16.02.99)	– the Association 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	[The existing CFSP commitments will be applicable until the entry into force of the Association Agreement, once the parties have concluded their ratification procedures.]  – regular meetings between Heads of State and Government  – periodic meetings between Foreign Ministers (within the Association Council on agreed occasions)  – meetings between other Ministers to discuss matters of common interest  – annual meeting between senior officials	The Interim Agreement provides that the former joint bodies shall remain in force; in addition, a meeting of the Cooperation Committee was held in 1997. A further meeting could be planned this year.	– Association Committee 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 Committees may be created by the Association Council  – Trade subcommittees

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CUBA	– Agreement between EU Troika and Cuban MFA on Political Dialogue 12.11.01 at New York (SEC/2179/01)		– 1 per year, alternating between Cuba and Brussels		
MEXICO	Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation 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 practise it meets every year (so far, always in Europe)	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 Committee meetings) – diplomatic channels		– 1 Joint Committee per year at experts' level meeting alternately in Brussels or in Mexico
PARAGUAY	Framework Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 313, 30.10.1992)	(see Mercosur)	(see Mercosur)		– 1 Joint Committee per year at experts' level (in practice every 18 to 24 months), meeting alternately in Brussels or in Paraguay
URUGUAY	Framework Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 94, 8.4.92) (OJ L 286, 5.11.94)	(see Mercosur)	(see Mercosur)		– 1 Joint Committee 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1997 Amsterdam European Council conclusions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I EU-LAC Summit: in Rio de Janeiro on 29 June 1999</li> <li>- II Summit of EU-Latin America-Caribbean Heads of State or of Government in Madrid on 17 May 2002</li> <li>- III EU-LAC Summit: in Mexico in 2004</li> </ul> <p>[Summits take place every two years]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Follow-up mechanisms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- bilateral Consultations at bi-regional level in unsystem (in NY, Geneva, Vienna + Brussels)</li> <li>- SG/HR invited to conduct political dialogue with Latin American countries, on behalf of the Council, in accordance with Art. 26 TEU</li> <li>- Where possible, several ministerial meetings are held "back-to-back" [except with San José].</li> </ul>	<p>Global Action Plan on drugs confirmed at the Summit on 28/29 June 1999 at Rio</p> <p>Yearly meetings with all LAC countries</p>	
ANDEAN COMMUNITY (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela)	<p>1993 Framework Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 127, 1998)</p> <p>Joint Declaration on political dialogue, signed in Rome on 30 June 1996 (7722/96)</p> <p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meetings will take place in Europe, as and when appropriate, between the President of the Andean Presidential Council, the Presidency of the EU Council and the President of the European Commission.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meetings, for which the parties will fix the detailed arrangements, will take place regularly between the Ministers for Foreign Affairs alongside other ongoing political dialogues. In practice a ministerial meeting alongside the United Nations General Assembly is usual (Troika or SG/HR + COM format, see Political Committee decision of 4 July 2000, Coreu SEC 1148/00 COR 1), as is a ministerial meeting alongside the EU-Rio Group Ministerial meeting</li> <li>- meetings will take place at the appropriate level as circumstances require</li> </ul>	<p>Meetings scheduled as part of the fight against drugs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- at ministerial level (JHA), as needed</li> <li>- at senior technical officials' level, on a regular basis</li> </ul> <p>Meeting at senior official level was held on 29 March 2000 in Lima.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint Committee meeting every 18 months</li> <li>- Joint Sub-Committee Meeting every 9 months</li> </ul>

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RIO GROUP (all countries of South and Central America. The Caribbean countries attend as observers represented by one Caribbean country in turn)	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  (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 Committee decision of 4 July 2000, Coreu SEC 1148/00 COR 1)		
MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay)	<p>Interregional Framework Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation (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>– Cooperation Council (normally every 18-24 months)</li> <li>– regular meetings of senior officials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– political dialogue may be extended to Chile and Bolivia</li> <li>– 1 meeting per year at ministerial level, alongside of the UNGA (Troika or "SG/HR + Com" format, see Political Committee decision of 4 July 2000, Coreu SEC 1148/00 COR 1)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cooperation Committee (Commission plus representatives of the Member States, in principle once per year)</li> <li>– Subcommittee (same composition) in principle every six months</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 Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 63, 12.3.99, p. 38)  18th Ministerial Conference of the San José Dialogue - Madrid, 18.05.2002 (8806/02)	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	– 1 meeting per year at ministerial level alongside the UNGA		– Joint Committee and Subcommittee 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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<p><b>X. ACP</b></p> <p>(African, Caribbean and Pacific States)</p>	<p>ACP-EC Partnership Agreement, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000 (OJ L 317, 15.12.00)</p> <p>(Mixed Agreement)</p> <p>Duration: 20 years (financial protocols: five year periods)</p> <p>Agreement applied provisionally with effect from 2 August 2000 until its entry into force (OJ L 150, 8.6.2002)</p> <p>Entry into force: 1 April 2003, thus permitting release of 9th EDF funds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 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)</li> <li>– at least once a year, meeting of the ACP-EC Committee of Ambassadors in Brussels Presidency: alternating according to the period of the year (Presidency of the Council on the Community side)</li> <li>– regular meetings of ACP-EC Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Parties in Brussels Presidency: alternating according to the period of the year (held de facto by the Commission on the Community side)</li> <li>– ACP-EC Development Finance Cooperation Committee 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)</li> <li>– Meeting of the ACP-EC Joint Ministerial Trade Committee 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</li> </ul>	<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>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>	

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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 dialogue (GAERC on 17 November 2003)</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 Brussels and in Africa; EU representation format: Troika, plus delegates of those Member States wishing to attend</li> <li>– HOMs in Addis</li> </ul> <p>In addition, the existing political dialogue between the EU and the OAU is integrated into this dialogue format, following the Africa-Europe summit</p>			
African Union (AU) (formerly OAU)	Integrated within the EU-Africa Summit format following the Cairo Summit, 7678/00	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 Committee decision of 30 September 1999 (Coreu SEC 1483/99)	Ministerial meeting as and when necessary (Coreu SEC 0864/99), so far on annual basis (in the margins of other ministerial meetings). The recent tendency is to hold a Ministerial troika with ECOWAS once every Presidency (see Coreus 2346/03 and DUB 0001/04).			
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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SADC (Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Declaration by the EU-SADC Ministerial Conference, Berlin, September 1994 (9287/94)</li> <li>- Joint communiqué of the EU-SADC Ministerial Conference in Windhek, October 1996 (11194/96)</li> <li>- Agreed minutes EU-SADC Senior Officials meeting, Brussels, November 2003 (doc. 14829/03)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meetings of the Ministerial Conference as appropriate (format either troika or all delegations)</li> <li>- annual meetings of the Joint Committee of Senior Officials (format either troika or all delegations)</li> <li>- at least 1 meeting of the Joint Steering Committee per year (EU Troika format)</li> </ul> <p>All these meetings take place in one of the two regions alternately</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- experts' (Disarmament)</li> <li>- regular meetings between HOMs in Gaborone and SADC Secretariat</li> <li>- regular meetings between SADC HOMs in Brussels and the EU troika</li> </ul>		
<b>2. Bilateral</b>  SOUTH AFRICA	<p>Trade, Development and Co-operation Agreement between the Community and the Republic of South Africa (TDCA) (mixed agreement). (OJ L 311, 4.12.99).</p> <p>Provisional entry into force on 1 January 2000. Expected to enter into force on 1 April 2004. (OJ L 311, 4.12.99)</p> <p>EU-South Africa political dialogue (COP/0780/02)</p>	<p>The Co-operation Council meets at regular intervals or when required by circumstances</p> <p>Venue: Brussels, unless otherwise decided</p> <p>Presidency: alternately by a member of the EU Council or by a South African Minister</p> <p>Note: during the provisional application of the Agreement, the Commission will take the chair for the Community side</p> <p>One or more Co-operation Committees may be set up to assist the Co-operation Council (doc.13738/2/00)</p>	<p>TDCA expected to be fully operational from 1.4.04</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ad hoc Ministerial meetings, annual senior official meetings (Africa director)</li> <li>- EU Troika format</li> <li>- Venue for Senior Officials meetings to alternate between Brussels and Pretoria/Cape Town</li> <li>- 4 meetings per year (HOMS and South African Director General)</li> <li>- dialogue at experts' level (Non-proliferation)</li> <li>- experts' (Non-proliferation, Disarmament)</li> </ul>		

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SUDAN	Art. 8 of the Cotonou Agreement EU-Sudan Joint Declaration (Coreu SEC 2071/00) Council Concl. on Sudan (June 2002). Benchmarks for 2004 defined in SEC 2914/03	In 2002, dialogue was extended to opposition (SPLM/A) and to civil society (see Council Conclusions). In December each year, an EU Troika mission goes to Khartoum to assess the progress of the dialogue and negotiate benchmarks for the following year.			
NIGERIA	Art. 8 of the Cotonou Agreement Council Conclusions on Nigeria (Nov. 2003)				
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 Committee 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 Committee 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 COOPERATION 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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(1)The Association/Cooperation Council is made up of, on the one hand, the President of the Council of the European Union, assisted by the Secretary-General/High Representative, and by the incoming Presidency, as well as by other members of the Council of the EU or their representatives. (See Council conclusions of 29 June 2000, 9548/00 Presse 225).