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## FTA NEGOTIATIONS

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### FAR EAST

<b>INDIA</b>	Negotiating authorisation and directives of April 2007	Negotiations launched in June 2007, 10 rounds held, last one in October 2010, followed by a number of intersessional meetings including chief negotiators meetings during last week of January in India and first week of March in Brussels. Negotiations are on track but work remains to be done. Important issues include how to get improvements on market access for goods and inclusion of government procurement.	Joint commitment expressed at the EU-India Summit on 10 December to intensify the negotiations with a view to concluding swiftly if possible. A number of meetings has thus been scheduled for the coming months.
<b>KOREA</b>	Negotiating authorisation and directives of April 2007	The FTA has been signed by Commissioner De Gucht, Minister Vanackere, representing the Belgian Presidency, and Korean Trade Minister Kim on 6 October 2010. The European Parliament has given its consent to the Agreement and approved the Regulation implementing the bilateral safeguard clause of the EU-Korea FTA on 17 February 2011. The Council approved the Regulation implementing the bilateral safeguard clause of the EU-Korea FTA on 11 April 2011. The Korean National Assembly ratified the FTA on 4 May 2011.	The provisional application of the FTA is expected on 1 July 2011.

<b>SINGAPORE</b>	Based on 2007 ASEAN negotiating directives (see below).	In December 2009, EU Member States agreed that the Commission should start bilateral FTA negotiations with Singapore. A consultation of stakeholders is completed. Negotiations were launched in March 2010 and the sixth negotiating round has taken place in the week of 4 April 2011.	A seventh negotiating round is foreseen for for June 2011.
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<b>MALAYSIA</b>	Based on 2007 ASEAN negotiating directives (see below).	On 10 September, EU Member States agreed that the Commission could start FTA negotiations with Malaysia. The negotiations were officially launched in Brussels on 5 October 2010. A consultation of stakeholders is completed. The third round of FTA negotiations took place in Brussels in May 2011.	A third round of FTA negotiations is taking place in Brussels 10 to 13 May 2011. The fourth round will be held in Kuala Lumpur 12 – 15 July and the fifth in Brussels 18 – 21 October.
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<b>ASEAN</b>	Negotiating authorisation and directives of April 2007.	Negotiations with a regional grouping of 7 ASEAN countries launched in July 2007. 7 <sup>th</sup> Joint Committee in March 2009 agreed to "take a pause" in the regional negotiations.	In December 2009, EU Member States agreed that the Commission will pursue FTA negotiations in a bilateral format with countries of ASEAN. Negotiations with Singapore and Malaysia were launched in 2010. The Commission continues exploratory informal talks with other individual ASEAN members with a view to assessing the level of ambition at bilateral level. Vietnam has given a political signal that it is ready to engage in a bilateral FTA with the EU and are ongoing.
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## **NORTH AMERICA**

<b>CANADA</b>	Negotiating directives obtained in April 2009	Negotiations were launched in May 2009 and the content of the CETA (Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement) and its general modalities were agreed in June 2009. Seven negotiating rounds have been held (in October 2009, January, April, July and October in 2010 and January 2011). The last one took place in Ottawa on 11-15 April 2011. Good progress has been made.	An eighth round is foreseen for 11-15 July 2011.
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## LATIN AMERICA

<p><b>ANDEAN COMMUNITY</b></p>		<p>Negotiations for a multiparty trade agreement (MTA) with Colombia and Peru were concluded in February 2010. Contacts are maintained to explore the possibility to include Ecuador in the MTA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initialling of the Agreement took place on 13 April by Commissioner De Gucht and Minister Sergio Diazgranados (Colombia) and Vice-Minister Carlos Posada Ugaz (Peru).</li> <li>- Translation and preparation of Commission proposal for signature of the Agreement is ongoing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CENTRAL AMERICA</b></p>		<p>The negotiations with Central America (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama) for an Association Agreement including an FTA pillar were concluded in May 2010. The legal and linguistic review of the text of the Agreement negotiated with Central America has been finalised.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The agreement was initialled on 27 March.</li> <li>- Translation and preparation of Commission proposal for signature of the Agreement is ongoing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MERCOSUR</b></p>	<p>Negotiating Directives of 1999</p>	<p>Negotiations with Mercosur were officially relaunched at the EU-Mercosur summit in Madrid on 17 May 2010. Five negotiation rounds (the last one from 02-06 May) have taken place since then. Until now, rounds have focused on the normative part of the agreement.</p>	<p>The next rounds of negotiations are scheduled in Brussels (4–8 July) and Montevideo (07 -11 November). The parties are working towards exchanging market access offers.</p>

## MAGHREB & MIDDLE EAST

<p><b>EUROMED</b>  <b>- BY TOPIC</b>  <i>(by country see below)</i></p>		<p>Progress made especially on North-South relations: the network of Association Agreements has been established, with the only exception of Syria, though the coverage of these Agreements is essentially limited to trade in goods.</p> <p>Negotiations on <u>the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment</u>: Discussions in 2006-2007 took place at regional Euro-Mediterranean format. In 2008, bilateral negotiations started with Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia and Israel.</p> <p>Negotiations on further liberalisation for <u>agricultural, processed agricultural and fisheries products</u>: Negotiations were concluded with Jordan in 2005, Israel and Egypt in 2008, and Morocco in 2009 (agreement signed in 2010). They continue with Tunisia.</p> <p><u>Dispute Settlement Mechanism</u>: Negotiations concluded with Tunisia, (agreement signed in December 2009), Lebanon (signed in 2010), Jordan (initialled in December 2009), Morocco (signed in 2010) and Egypt (signed in 2010). They are on-going with other Mediterranean partners (Israel and Palestine) and our aim is to conclude the remaining bilateral protocols as soon as possible.</p> <p>Negotiations on <u>Agreements on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (ACAA)</u>: Agreement signed with Israel in May 2010 in the pharmaceutical sector. Preparations are on-going to launch negotiations in the near future with other Southern Mediterranean partners.</p>	<p>Bilateral negotiations have been launched to complement our current trade agreements, particularly on the liberalisation of services and establishment and on the establishment of a dispute settlement mechanism. Further negotiations to deepen the existing Association Agreements on trade-related regulatory areas are foreseen in the future in the Euromed Trade Roadmap beyond 2010, which was generally endorsed at the 8th Union for the Mediterranean Trade Ministerial in Brussels on 9 December 2009.</p>
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<b>EUROMED – BY COUNTRY</b>			
<b>EGYPT</b>	Negotiating directive for an association agreement with Egypt obtained in 1995	Negotiations were concluded in June 1999 The Association Agreement was signed in June 2001. The trade provisions entered into force provisionally on 1 January 2004 and the whole Association Agreement entered into force on 1 June 2004. Agri negotiations have been concluded in 2008, and the Agreement entered into force on 1 June 2010. DSM protocol signed in November 2010.	Bilateral negotiations on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment are under way.
<b>ISRAEL</b>		Association Agreement signed in November 1995 and entered into force in June 2000. Agri negotiations have been concluded in 2008. Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (ACAA) Agreement signed with Israel in May 2010 in the pharmaceutical sector.	Bilateral negotiations on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment and on DSM are under way.
<b>JORDAN</b>		Association Agreement signed in November 1997 and entered into force in May 2002. Agri negotiations concluded in 2005. DSM protocol initialled in December 2009.	Services and establishment negotiations in regional mode.
<b>LEBANON</b>	Negotiating directive for an association agreement with Lebanon, 1995	Concluded in January 2002. Association Agreement signed in June 2002, Interim Agreement entered into force on 1 February 2003. AA Entered into force in April 2006. DSM protocol signed in November 2011.	Services and establishment negotiations in regional mode. Agri negotiations not yet started.
<b>MOROCCO</b>		Association Agreement signed in February 1996 and entered into force in March 2000. Agriculture negotiations concluded in December 2009 and agreement signed in December 2010. DSM protocol signed in December 2010.	Bilateral negotiations on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment continue. Further negotiations to deepen the current Association Agreement on Agreements in trade-related regulatory areas will be launched as soon as there is substantial progress in the above negotiations.
<b>OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY</b>		Association Agreement signed in February 1997. Interim Agreement entered into force in July 1997.	Services and establishment negotiations in regional mode and on DSM under way. Agri negotiations not yet started. Duty-free quota-free initiative for Palestinian exports ongoing.

<b>SYRIA</b>	Negotiating directive for an association agreement with Syria, 18 December 1997	Negotiations concluded in 2004, signature on hold for political reasons. Following technical adaptation initialled in December 2008. Adopted by the Council on 27 October 2009. Signature pending further notice from Syria.	No dates for further consultations with Syria on the possible signature of the Agreement.
<b>TUNISIA</b>		Association Agreement signed in July 1995 and entered into force in March 1998. Agreement on DSM signed in December 2009.	Bilateral negotiations on agriculture and on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment are under way.
<b>LIBYA</b>	Negotiating directive for a Framework Agreement with Libya July 2008.	Negotiations over the framework agreement/FTA formally launched on 12-13 November 2008, 7 <sup>th</sup> round took place on 08-09/06 in Tripoli. Libya started to discuss an ambitious FTA including trade in goods, in services/ establishment, trade rules, regulatory cooperation, and dispute settlement.	The EU has decided to suspend negotiations on the Libya-EU framework agreement on 23 February 2011.
<b>GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council)</b>		Suspended, but discussions going on; very advanced on all elements of the Agreement  Objective to conclude negotiations as soon as possible	No dates for the next round agreed, informal consultations between EU and GCC chief negotiators ongoing.

### **EASTERN EUROPE**

<b>UKRAINE</b>		Negotiations launched in February 2008, 16 rounds held so far. Last one took place 4-8 April 2011 in Brussels. Progress in different, but still some outstanding key issues.	17 <sup>th</sup> round of negotiations will take place 20-24 June in Kiev.
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### **ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries)**

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## OTHER TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

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<b>BELARUS</b>	Recommendation from the Commission to the Council authorising the Commission to open negotiation on a new Agreement renewing the Agreement on Trade in Textile Products between the EC and the Republic of Belarus; adopted 7 September 2009	With reference to the formation of a customs union (Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus) Belarus does not see way for extending the bilateral textile agreement for 2010.	The bilateral agreement expired by 31 December 2009.  For unilateral measures the Commission Regulation was adopted. It entered into force 1 January 2011.
<b>CHINA</b> – PCA trade and investment part / upgrade of the 1985 Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement	Negotiating mandate to launch negotiations on a new Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with China, including aspects of trade and investment, was approved by the Council December 2005.	A short meeting between lead negotiators of the trade and investment track of the PCA took place in Brussels on 11 May 2011. However, negotiations did not allow to conclude any further chapter	The next round of the political track of the PCA will take place on 16 June 2011 in China.  No dates have been specified for a future meeting of the trade track yet.
<b>IRAN</b>	Negotiating Directives for a Trade and Cooperation Agreement from June 2002	Several rounds of negotiations took place until 2005. On hold for political reasons. No negotiations are currently foreseen. EU-sanctions with Iran are in place (latest measures adopted on 25 October 2010, Council Regulation 2010/644/CFSP)	

<b>IRAQ</b>	Negotiating Directives for a Trade and Cooperation Agreement from March 2006	Negotiations formally launched in November 2006, the last round took place on 12-13 November in Brussels and the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) negotiations were concluded.	The i PCA initialled in 2010. An interim agreement will enter into force after the PCA is signed.
<b>KAZAKHSTAN</b>	Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on the renewal of the EC-Kazakhstan Agreement on trade in certain <u>steel</u> products. Adopted by the Council on 13.11.2006.	Negotiations on the 2007 agreement concluded in October 2006. However, the draft was not initialled.	The bilateral agreement expired on 31.12.2006; pending the entry into force of the new agreement, the EC applies autonomously quotas on imports of certain steel products from Kazakhstan  For the year of 2011 unilateral measures shall apply (renewed) on the basis of Council Regulation 1340/2008.
<b>RUSSIA</b>	Council Negotiating Directives for a new Agreement to update and extend the current framework for EU/Russia relations under the existing Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA)	No mandate/negotiations for an FTA. Ongoing negotiations for a New Agreement to replace and update PCA, including trade and investment related provisions.	The 12 <sup>th</sup> formal round of negotiations took place in mid December 2010. The chief negotiators have agreed that work should focus now on the trade and investment provisions and until there is sufficient progress in this area the working groups covering non-trade areas of the New Agreement will not be convened. An informal Drafting Group has now met 7 times to discuss the two draft legal texts on horizontal trade and investment provisions the EU submitted in July 2010 and March 2011 respectively. This Drafting Group has met several times since then, the last time in mid May. The formal negotiating body the so called Economic Issues Working group also met on 23 May and took stock of the progress made so far in the Drafting Group.

