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FTA NEGOTIATIONS

Country	Negotiating Directives	Current Status	Next Steps
FAR EAST			
INDIA	Negotiating authorisation and directives of April 2007	Negotiations launched in June 2007, 8 rounds held, last one in January 2010. Negotiations are on track but quite some work remains to be done. Important issues include how to get improvements on market access for goods and inclusion of government procurement.	Next full round foreseen for April 2010 in Brussels, preceded by a number of intersessional meetings
KOREA	Negotiating authorisation and directives of April 2007	The FTA has been initialled by Commissioner Ashton and Korean Trade Minister Kim on 15 October 2009.	The text of the FTA currently being translated into all the EU languages, before the Commission formally proposes to the Council to sign and conclude the agreement.
SINGAPORE	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. A first negotiating round took place in March 2010 in Singapore.	A second negotiating round is tentatively foreseen for the week of 31 May 2010.

ASEAN	Negotiating authorisation and directives of April 2007.	Negotiations with a regional grouping of 7 ASEAN countries launched in July 2007. 7 th 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. The Commission continues exploratory informal talks with 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. The Commission aims to hold technical talks ('scoping') as soon as possible.
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NORTH AMERICA

CANADA	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. Two negotiating rounds have been held (in October 2009 and January 2010) and good initial progress has been made.	A first draft consolidated text , to act as a common working document, was put together in December. Offers on goods, and requests on public procurement and services and investment were exchanged on 14th December, and were the focus – in those areas – of the second round. Difficult discussions lie ahead in areas such as IPR/GIs, and in some areas of Trade in Goods, TBT, SPS and Rules of Origin. A third round will be held in Ottawa from 19 – 23 April.
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LATIN AMERICA

<p>COLOMBIA and PERU</p>		<p>Negotiations for a multiparty trade agreement restarted with Colombia and Peru after the EU-CAN Association Agreement negotiations had been suspended since June 2008. Ecuador provisionally suspended its participation in July 2009. Eight rounds of negotiations so far, with good progress on text of all chapters and improved offers on MA for goods and services. Complete agreement with Colombia and Peru on chapters on TBT, government, Procurement, TRA, SPS, etc.. Main challenges remain on sensitive agricultural products, some IPR provisions, and some institutional issues.</p>	
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<p>CENTRAL AMERICA</p>		<p>Negotiations with Central America restarted after their suspension in June 2009 because of the situation in Honduras. First, an informal meeting was organised beginning of February followed by a formal round on 22-26 February. Significant progress was accomplished during that round on issues such as SPS, TBT, Competition or some rules on Public Procurement. An intersessional meeting was held in Brussels on the trade pillar on 22-26 March which allowed for further progress in areas such as regional integration, customs and trade facilitation, institutional provisions and dispute settlement and mediation provisions. Significant work remains on market access, rules of origin, public procurement or services and investments. Areas such as sustainable development and geographical indications are also sensitive and will require further discussions.</p>	<p>Next negotiation round will take place on 19-23 April in Brussels for the trade pillar and the following week for the two other pillars, namely political dialogue and cooperation.</p>
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MERCOSUR		Negotiations on hold since 2004.	No negotiation round is scheduled for the moment but contacts are taking place on a regular basis at technical level to take stock of the situation.
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MAGHREB & MIDDLE EAST

<p>EUROMED - BY TOPIC <i>(by country see below)</i></p>		<p>Progress made especially on North-South relations: the network of Association Agreements is likely to be completed by 2010, including the Association Agreement with Syria, though the coverage of these Agreements is 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. They continue with Tunisia.</p> <p><u>Dispute Settlement Mechanism</u>: Negotiations concluded with Tunisia, (agreement signed in December 2009), Lebanon (initialled in July 2009), Jordan (initialled in December 2009), and Morocco (initialled in December 2009). They are advanced with other Mediterranean partners (Egypt 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 initialled with Israel in June 2009 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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EUROMED – BY COUNTRY			
EGYPT	Negotiating directive for an association agreement with Egypt obtained in 1995	Negotiations were concluded in June 1999 The Association Agreement was signed in June 2001. The trade provisions entered into force provisionally on 1 January 2004 and the whole Association Agreement entered into force on 1 June 2004. Agri negotiations have been concluded in 2008.	Bilateral negotiations on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment and on DSM are under way.
ISRAEL		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 initialled with Israel in June 2009 in the pharmaceutical sector.	Bilateral negotiations on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment and on DSM are under way.
JORDAN		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 .
LEBANON	Negotiating directive for an association agreement with Lebanon, 1995	Concluded in January 2002. Association Agreement signed in June 2002, Interim Agreement entered into force on 1 February 2003. AA Entered into force in April 2006. DSM protocol initialled in June 09.	Services and establishment negotiations in regional mode. Agri negotiations not yet started.
LIBYA	Negotiating directive for a Framework Agreement with Libya July 2008.	Negotiations over the framework agreement/FTA formally launched on 12-13 November 2008, 6th round took place on 16-17/03 in Brussels. Libya started to discuss an ambitious FTA including trade in goods, in services/ establishment, trade rules, regulatory cooperation, and dispute settlement.	Rounds every 2-3 months. Next round scheduled 07 June 2010 in Tripoli.
MOROCCO		Association Agreement signed in February 1996 and entered into force in March 2000. Agriculture negotiations concluded in December 2009. DSM protocol initialled in December 09.	Bilateral negotiations on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment continue with the aim of concluding them in 2010. 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.
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY		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.
SYRIA	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.
TUNISIA		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.

GCC		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.
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EASTERN EUROPE

UKRAINE		Negotiations launched in February 2008, 10 rounds held so far. Last one took place 1-5 March 2010 in Brussels. Some progress depending on the chapter.	11 th round foreseen for 25-28 May in Kyiv. 12th round planned for 5-9 July 2010 in Brussels.
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ACP

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OTHER TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

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BELARUS	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 Commission Regulation was adopted which entered into force 1 January 2010
CHINA – 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.	Trade and investment negotiating track 5th formal round took place in Brussels on 13 November, in addition a number of technical meetings took place onthrough the second half of 2009. Although negotiations continue to be slow in major areas, a 1/4 of the economic and trade chapters are now finalized with another ¼ close to finalization.	Next round is foreseen in the early months of 2010.
IRAN	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.	

IRAQ	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 initialling of the PCA should take place in early 2010. An interim agreement will enter into force after the PCA is signed
KAZAKHSTAN	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.	Previous 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 2010 unilateral measures are applicable (renewed) on the basis of Council Regulation 1340/2008
RUSSIA	Council Negotiating Directives for a new Agreement to update and extend a comprehensive 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, with trade/economic provisions	The 8th round of negotiations took place in early March and the next round is scheduled for early May. The Russian side is reluctant to engage in substantial discussions to update the trade and investment related provisions of the current PCA. The EU side requested a clarification of the Russian position by the next round to avoid a stalemate in the overall negotiations because of lack of progress on trade and investment.
SERBIA		See existing agreements	

<p>VIETNAM</p>	<p>Recommendation from the commission to the council in order to authorise the commission to open negotiations with the socialist republic of Vietnam on the amendment of the bilateral agreement on trade in <u>textile and clothing products</u> initialled on 15 December 1992, as last amended on 17 November 1997 – adopted by Council on 10 December 2002 New mandate to negotiate renewal of the agreement with adoption foreseen end September 2004.</p>	<p>December 2002</p>	<p>Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on trade in <u>textile and clothing products</u> and other market opening measures, and authorising its provisional application – approved by Council and published in the OJ on 20 June 2003. Ratification in progress. Renewal of the agreement to be negotiated in autumn 2004.</p>
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