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## FTA NEGOTIATIONS

<u>Country</u>	<u>Negotiating Directives</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>Next Steps</u>
<b>FAR EAST</b>			
<b>INDIA</b>	Negotiating authorisation and directives of April 2007	Negotiations launched in June 2007, 7 rounds held, last one in July 2009, <b>followed by a number of intersessional meetings.</b> Content and modalities discussed. 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.	<b>Next full round foreseen for January 2010 in Delhi.</b>
<b>KOREA</b>	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 will need to be translated into all the EU languages, before the Commission formally proposes to the Council to sign and conclude the agreement.
<b>(NEW) SINGAPORE</b>	<b>Based on 2007 ASEAN negotiating directives (see below).</b>	<b>In December 2009, EU Member States agreed that the Commission should start bilateral FTA negotiations with Singapore.</b>	<b>A consultation of stakeholders is under way. A first negotiating round is tentatively planned for the first quarter of 2010.</b>
<b>ASEAN</b>	Negotiating authorisation and	<b>Negotiations with a regional</b>	<b>In December 2009, EU Member</b>

	directives of April 2007.	<b>grouping of 7 ASEAN countries launched in July 2007. Slow progress with the region. 7<sup>th</sup> Joint Committee in March 2009 agreed to "take a pause" in the regional negotiations.</b>	<b>States agreed that the Commission will pursue FTA negotiations in a bilateral format with countries of ASEAN that do not belong to the group of least developed countries, whilst preserving the strategic objective of a region-to-region agreement. The Commission continues exploratory informal talks with individual ASEAN members with a view to assessing the level of ambition at bilateral level.</b>
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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. A first negotiating round was held in Ottawa in the week of 19 – 23 October, and was recognised by both sides as having made good initial progress.	A first draft consolidated text , to act as a common working document, <b>was put together in December</b> . Offers on goods, and requests on public procurement and services and investment were exchanged on 14 <sup>th</sup> December, and will be the prime focus – in those areas – of the second round, to be held in Brussels in the week of 18 <sup>th</sup> January.
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## **LATIN AMERICA**

<b>COLOMBIA and PERU</b>		Negotiations for a multiparty trade agreement restarted after the summer break with Colombia and Peru after the EU-CAN Association Agreement negotiations had been suspended since June 2008 because the four Andean members were unable to define common positions.	
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		Ecuador provisionally suspended its participation in July 2009. Seven 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.	
<b>CENTRAL AMERICA</b>		8 <sup>th</sup> round of negotiations (planned for 6-10 July) postponed following the situation in Honduras. On the substance, good progress was achieved during intra-rounds trade sessions held in Brussels in May and in June. Key challenges: region-to-region dimension of FTA, openings on sensitive products and overall CA ambition in Services/Investment and Public Procurement. If conditions are right, a conclusion of the trade pillar of the negotiations is possible in the short term.	<b>Informal talks to be resumed in February 2010 in Brussels.</b>
<b>MERCOSUR</b>		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.

**MAGHREB & MIDDLE EAST**

<b>EUROMED – BY TOPIC</b> <i>(by country see below)</i>		Progress made especially on North-South relations: the network of Association Agreements is likely to be completed by 2010, including the	Bilateral negotiations have also been launched to complement our current trade agreements, particularly on the liberalisation of services and
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		<p>Association Agreement with Syria, though the coverage of these Agreements is limited to trade in goods.</p> <p>Negotiations on <u>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. Negotiations on further liberalisation for <u>agricultural, processed agricultural and fisheries products</u>: Negotiations concluded with Jordan in 2005, Israel and Egypt in 2008. They continue with Morocco and Tunisia <u>Dispute Settlement Mechanism</u>: Negotiations concluded with <b>Tunisia, (initialled in 08 and signed in December 2009), Lebanon (initialled in July 2009) and Jordan (initialled in December 2009), and Morocco (initialled in December 2009)</b>. They are advanced with other Mediterranean partners (Egypt and Palestine) and our aim is to conclude bilateral protocols as soon as possible.</p> <p>Negotiations on <u>Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (ACAA)</u>: Agreement initialled with Israel in June 2009 in the pharmaceutical sector.</p>	<p>establishment and on the establishment of a dispute settlement mechanism.</p> <p><b>The 8th Union for the Mediterranean Trade Ministerial meeting took place in Brussels on 9 December 2009 where Ministers generally endorsed the Euromed Trade Roadmap beyond 2010.</b></p>
<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	Services and establishment negotiations in regional and bilateral mode, and on Dispute settlement under way.

		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.	
<b>ISRAEL</b>		Association Agreement signed in November 1995 and entered into force in June 2000. Agri negotiations have been concluded in 2008.	<b>Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (ACAA) Agreement initialled with Israel in June 2009 in the pharmaceutical sector. Procedure for adoption ongoing at the Council.</b> Services and establishment negotiations in regional and bilateral mode and on DSM under way.
<b>JORDAN</b>		Association Agreement signed in November 1997 and entered into force in May 2002. Agri negotiations concluded in 2005. DSM negotiations concluded in October 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 initialled in June 09.	Services and establishment negotiations in regional mode. Agri negotiations not yet started.
<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, 3rd round took place on 12-13 May 2009, technical discussions on 14-15 October, <b>4<sup>th</sup> round on 14-16 December 2009.</b> 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. <b>Next round scheduled in mid March in Brussels.</b>

<b>MOROCCO</b>		Association Agreement signed in February 1996 and entered into force in March 2000.	<b>Agri negotiations concluded in 2009. Agreement on DSM initialled in December 2009.</b>
<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.
<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.	
<b>TUNISIA</b>			Association Agreement signed in July 1995 and entered into force in March 1998. Negotiations on agriculture, services and establishment at both regional and bilateral modes, and under way. <b>Agreement on DSM signed in December 2009.</b>
<b>GCC</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.
<b>EASTERN EUROPE</b>			
<b>UKRAINE</b>		Negotiations launched in February 2008, 9 rounds held so far. Last one took place 7-11 December 2009 in Kyiv. Some progress depending on the chapter.	10 <sup>th</sup> round foreseen for 1-5 March 2010 in Brussels. 11 <sup>th</sup> round planned for mid-May.

		No exchange of services offers yet.	
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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	With reference to the formation of a customs union (Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus) Belarus does not see way for extending the bilateral textile	<b>The bilateral agreement expired by 31 December 2009.</b> For unilateral measures Commission

	renewing the Agreement on Trade in Textile Products between the EC and the Republic of Belarus; adopted 7 September 2009	agreement for 2010.	Regulation was adopted which will enter into force 1 January 2010
<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.	<b>Trade and investment negotiating track 5th formal round took place in Brussels on 13 November, in addition a number of technical meetings took place on through 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 1/4 close to finalization.</b>	<b>Next round is foreseen in the early months of 2010.</b>
<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.	
<b>IRAQ</b>	Negotiating Directives for a Trade and Cooperation Agreement from March 2006	Negotiations formally launched in November 2006, <b>the last round took place on 12-13 November in Brussels and the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) negotiations were concluded.</b>	<b>The initialling of the PCA should take place in early 2010. An interim agreement will enter into force after the PCA is signed</b>

<b>KAZAKHSTAN</b>	<p>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 <b>steel</b> products. Adopted by the Council on 13.11.2006.</p> <p><del>A negotiating directive to adapt the quantitative limits on import on certain steel products to take account of EU enlargement on 1 January 2007.</del></p>	<p>Negotiations on the 2007 agreement concluded in October 2006. However, the draft was not initialled.</p> <p><del>Negotiations on the 2008 agreement concluded in November 2007; that Agreement is now ready for initialling, which should take place soon;</del></p>	<p>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</p> <p>For the year of 2010 unilateral measures will be applicable (renewed) on the basis of Council Regulation 1340/2008</p>
<b>RUSSIA</b>	<p>Draft Council Negotiating Directives for a new Agreement to provide a comprehensive framework for EU/Russia relations.</p>	<p>No mandate/negotiations for an FTA. Ongoing negotiations for a New Agreement to replace and update PCA, with trade/economic provisions</p>	<p><b>The 7<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations took place in early December and the next round is scheduled for early March.</b></p> <p>Conceptual discussions on the structure and content of the trade and investment related provisions are pursuing and need to be further reflected upon in light of the pace of progress in Russia's accession to the WTO</p>
<b>SERBIA</b>	<p>Negotiating Directives on a Stabilisation and Association Agreement adopted on 3/10/2005 for negotiations with the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro. Following Montenegrin independence in May 2006, revised negotiating directives adopted on 24/7/2006.</p>	<p>Negotiations concluded July 2007.</p>	<p>The Stabilisation and Association Agreement and the Interim Agreement with Serbia were signed in Luxembourg on 29 April 2008. <b>The Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters enters into force 1 February 2010.</b></p>
<b>VIETNAM</b>	<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</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 <b>textile and clothing</b></p>

	<p>amendment of the bilateral agreement on trade in <b>textile and clothing products</b> 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><b>products</b> 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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