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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, 11 rounds held, last one in November 2010, followed by a number of intersessional meetings including chief negotiators meetings and meetings at Director General level. Negotiations are currently in an intense phase focusing on the hard core issues but work remains to be done. Important issues include market access for goods (improve coverage of both sides' offers), the overall ambition of the services package and achieving a meaningful chapter on 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.
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. Negotiations were launched in March 2010 and the seventh negotiating round has taken place in the week of 6 June 2011.	EU Trade Commissioner De Gucht and Singapore's Minister of Trade and Industry, Lim, met on 15 July 2011. They noted good progress in FTA negotiations and agreed to intensify work on the outstanding issues. Both sides expect to complete negotiations later this year. The 8 th negotiating round is foreseen for the week of 10 October 2011.

MALAYSIA	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 fourth round of FTA negotiations took place in Kuala Lumpur in July 2011.	The fifth in Brussels 18 – 21 October; the sixth round in Kuala Lumpur 7-11 February 2012.
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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. 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

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. Eight negotiating rounds have been held since October 2009. The last one took place in Brussels on 11-15 July 2011. Good progress has been made.	A ninth round is foreseen for 17-21 October 2011.
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LATIN AMERICA

ANDEAN COMMUNITY		<p>Negotiations for a trade agreement with Colombia and Peru were concluded in February 2010. Contacts are maintained to explore the possibility to include Ecuador and Bolivia in the trade deal.</p>	<p>- The Commission proposals for decisions on signing and conclusion of the Trade Agreement have been adopted and transmitted to the Council of the EU.</p>
CENTRAL AMERICA		<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.</p>	<p>- The Commission proposals for decisions on signing and conclusion of the Trade Agreement have been adopted and transmitted to the Council of the EU.</p>
MERCOSUR	<p>Negotiating Directives of 1999</p>	<p>Negotiations with Mercosur were officially relaunched at the EU-Mercosur summit in Madrid on 17 May 2010. The objective is to negotiate a comprehensive FTA, covering not only trade in industrial and agricultural goods but also services, improvement of rules on government procurement, intellectual property, customs and trade facilitation, technical barriers to trade.</p> <p>Six negotiation rounds (the last one from 04-08 July) have taken place since then. Until now, rounds have focused on the part of the agreement related to rules.</p>	<p>The next rounds of negotiations are scheduled in Montevideo (07 -11 November) and in Brussels (March 2012).</p> <p>In Montevideo Mercosur is expected to give more details on its position regarding the chapter on Trade and Sustainable Development. The parties are working on the preparation of their market access offers.</p>

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 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.</p> <p>The Commission will submit to the Council in October a proposal for negotiating directives to launch negotiations to establish Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas with Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia.</p>
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EUROMED – BY COUNTRY			
EGYPT		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.
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 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.
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		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.
MOROCCO		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, currently under ratification by the European Parliament. DSM protocol signed in December 2010.	Bilateral negotiations on the liberalisation of trade in services and establishment continue are progressing well.
ALGERIA		Association Agreement signed in April 2002 and entered into force in September 2005.	No additional negotiations on agricultural, processed agricultural and fisheries products, liberalisation of trade in services and establishment of DSM protocol.
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. Duty-free quota-free initiative for Palestinian exports

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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.
LIBYA	Negotiating directive for a Framework Agreement with Libya July 2008.	Negotiations over the framework agreement/FTA formally launched on 12-13 November 2008, 7 th 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.
GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council)		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

UKRAINE		Negotiations launched in February 2008, 17 rounds held so far. Last one took place 20-24 June 2011 in Kiev. Good progress in a lot of areas.	18 th round of negotiations will take place in 19-23 September in Brussels.
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ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries)

See Overview of EPAs (Economic Partnership Agreements)			
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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 the Commission Regulation was adopted. It entered into force 1 January 2011.
CHINA – PCA trade and investment part / upgrade of the 1985 Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement This Partnership and Cooperation Agreement aims to update the agreement concluded in 1985, in order to better reflect the continuous development of bilateral relations. In order to meet the	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.	About one quarter of the chapters of the trade and investment track are concluded. A short meeting between lead negotiators of the trade and investment track of the PCA took place in Brussels on 11 May 2011. However, discussions did not allow to conclude any further chapter. At the EU-China Joint Committee (14 July 2011) Commissioner De Gucht and Minister Chen Deming took stock of the PCA negotiations. Both sides took note that positions remained far apart on many important chapters, and Commissioner De Gucht called upon China to demonstrate more ambition. A PCA Steering Committee meeting, looking at both	No dates have been specified for a future meeting of either political or the trade track yet.

<p>challenges and opportunities that China will present in future the EU wants this future agreement to be comprehensive and ambitious. The Agreement should provide for common commitments and principles, cooperation in all sectors and areas of common interest, facilitate trade, remove barriers to trade and investment, improve the regulatory environment, and promote sustainable development.</p>		<p>the political and trade track of the negotiations, was held on 20 September. The EU dismissed suggestions for a PCA re-engineering process if no agreement could be found on substance. EU indicated that a non-meaningful PCA on Trade would not be acceptable for EU constituencies, especially if no account is taken of EU offensive interests.</p>	
<p>IRAN</p>	<p>Negotiating Directives for a Trade and Cooperation Agreement from June 2002</p>	<p>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)</p>	

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 i PCA initialled in 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.	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.
RUSSIA	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 th 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 met 8 times (the last time in July 2011) to discuss the two draft legal texts on horizontal trade and investment provisions, which the EU submitted in two batches in July 2010 and March 2011. The formal negotiating body the Economic Issues Working Group also met on 23 May and took stock of the progress made so far in the Drafting Group.

