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**A9-0165/2024**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on cooperation between the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) and the competent authorities for judicial cooperation in criminal matters of the Republic of Armenia (17085/2023 – C9-0145/2024 – 2023/0400(NLE))

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Rapporteur: Thijs Reuten

***Symbols for procedures***

- \* Consultation procedure
- \*\*\* Consent procedure
- \*\*\*I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- \*\*\*II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- \*\*\*III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

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## DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

**on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on cooperation between the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) and the competent authorities for judicial cooperation in criminal matters of the Republic of Armenia  
(17085/2023 – C9-0145/2024 – 2023/0400(NLE))**

**(Consent)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal for a Council decision (COM(2023)0705),
  - having regard to the draft agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on cooperation between the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) and the competent authorities for judicial cooperation in criminal matters of the Republic of Armenia (17085/2023),
  - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Articles 16(2), Article 85 in conjunction with Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a)(v) and Article 218(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C9-0145/2024),
  - having regard to Rule 105(1) and (4), and Rule 114(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A9-0165/2024),
1. Gives its consent to the conclusion of the agreement;
  2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of the Republic of Armenia.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia marks the first international agreement on cooperation between the European Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) and the competent authorities in a third country since the entry into application of the Eurojust Regulation on 12 December 2019. In order for international judicial cooperation to be effective, agreements on cooperation with third countries are essential.

This agreement will improve cooperation with Armenia's authorities involved in the investigation and prosecution of serious crimes.

It is particularly important that this is only possible when agreements are subject to strict safeguards in relation to data protection, privacy and fundamental rights.

In the case of this Agreement, it is clear that all conditions are met and the necessary safeguards are in place. This will be continuously monitored once this Agreement has entered into force and possible breaches of the agreement could eventually lead to suspension of the cooperation.

We welcome this important step in the cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia.

**ANNEX: ENTITIES OR PERSONS  
FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEUR HAS RECEIVED INPUT**

Pursuant to Article 8 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure, the rapporteur declares that he has received input from the following entities or persons in the preparation of the report, until the adoption thereof in committee:

<b>Entity and/or person</b>
European Commission, DG JUSTICE
European Data Protection Supervisor

The list above is drawn up under the exclusive responsibility of the rapporteur.

## PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

<b>Title</b>	Conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on cooperation between the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) and the competent authorities for judicial cooperation in criminal matters of the Republic of Armenia
<b>References</b>	17085/2023 – C9-0145/2024 – 2023/0400(NLE)
<b>Date of consultation or request for consent</b>	5.4.2024
<b>Committee responsible</b> Date announced in plenary	LIBE
<b>Rapporteurs</b> Date appointed	Thijs Reuten 22.1.2024
<b>Date adopted</b>	14.2.2024
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+ : 62 - : 0 0 : 5
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Abir Al-Sahlani, Konstantinos Arvanitis, Malik Azmani, Pietro Bartolo, Vladimír Bilčík, Malin Björk, Vasile Blaga, Ioan-Rareş Bogdan, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Saskia Bricmont, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Damien Carême, Patricia Chagnon, Lena Düpont, Cornelia Ernst, Laura Ferrara, Nicolaus Fest, Maria Grapini, Sylvie Guillaume, Evin Incir, Sophia in 't Veld, Patryk Jaki, Marina Kaljurand, Assita Kanko, Fabienne Keller, Alice Kuhnke, Jeroen Lenaers, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Erik Marquardt, Nadine Morano, Javier Moreno Sánchez, Emil Radev, Paulo Rangel, Karlo Ressler, Isabel Santos, Birgit Sippel, Sara Skytvedal, Tineke Strik, Ramona Strugariu, Tomas Tobé, Milan Uhrík, Tom Vandendriessche, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Jadwiga Wiśniewska, Elena Yoncheva
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Patricia Caro Maya, Romeo Franz, Balázs Hidvéghi, Leopoldo López Gil, Jaak Madison, Matjaž Nemeč, Carina Ohlsson, Philippe Olivier, Róza Thun und Hohenstein, Dragoş Tudorache, Charlie Weimers, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez
<b>Substitutes under Rule 209(7) present for the final vote</b>	Mathilde Androuët, Laura Ballarín Cereza, Chiara Gemma, Svenja Hahn, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Gabriel Mato, Francisco José Millán Mon, Javier Nart, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Michal Wiezik
<b>Date tabled</b>	9.4.2024



## FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

62	+
ECR	Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Chiara Gemma, Patryk Jaki, Assita Kanko, Charlie Weimers, Jadwiga Wiśniewska
ID	Mathilde Androuët, Patricia Chagnon, Nicolaus Fest, Jaak Madison, Philippe Olivier, Tom Vandendriessche
NI	Laura Ferrara, Balázs Hidvéghi, Milan Uhrík
PPE	Vladimír Bilčík, Vasile Blaga, Ioan-Rareş Bogdan, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Lena Düpont, Jeroen Lenaers, Leopoldo López Gil, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Gabriel Mato, Francisco José Millán Mon, Nadine Morano, Emil Radev, Paulo Rangel, Karlo Ressler, Sara Skytvedal, Tomas Tobé, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez
Renew	Abir Al-Sahlani, Malik Azmani, Svenja Hahn, Sophia in 't Veld, Fabienne Keller, Javier Nart, Ramona Strugariu, Róza Thun und Hohenstein, Dragoş Tudorache, Michal Wiezik
S&D	Laura Ballarín Cereza, Pietro Bartolo, Maria Grapini, Sylvie Guillaume, Evin Incir, Marina Kaljurand, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Javier Moreno Sánchez, Matjaž Nemeč, Carina Ohlsson, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Isabel Santos, Birgit Sippel, Elena Yoncheva
Verts/ALE	Saskia Bricmont, Romeo Franz, Alice Kuhnke, Erik Marquardt, Tineke Strik

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The Left	Konstantinos Arvanitis, Malin Björk, Patricia Caro Maya, Cornelia Ernst
Verts/ALE	Damien Carême

### Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention