

CHRONOLOGY OF EFTA'S FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS, DECLARATIONS ON CO-OPERATION AND EXPLORATORY TALKS

Agreements and Declarations presented according to the chronological order of signature. Ongoing negotiations are presented in order of the establishment of formal contacts.

CONCLUDED FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

Turkey (1991)

10 December 1991	Free trade agreement signed in Geneva
1 April 1992	Free trade agreement enters into force with Liechtenstein and Switzerland
15 April 1992	Free trade agreement enters into force with Norway
1 September 1992	Free trade agreement enters into force with Iceland
19 November 1992	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Turkey Committee in Istanbul
22-23 November 1993	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Turkey Committee in Geneva
18-19 April 1996	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Turkey Committee in Geneva
4 February 1998	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Turkey Committee in Istanbul
1 July 1998	Restricted follow-up meeting to the fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Turkey Committee in Geneva
16 November 2000	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Turkey Committee in Geneva
5 November 2002	Sixth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Turkey Committee in Ankara
1 July 2004	Seventh meeting of the Joint EFTA-Turkey Committee in Geneva
31 May 2006	Eighth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Turkey Committee in Ankara
2-3 December 2009	Ninth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Turkey Committee in Geneva

Israel (1992)

17 September 1992	Free trade agreement signed in Geneva
1 January 1993	Free trade agreement enters into force with Norway
1 July 1993	Free trade agreement enters into force with Switzerland
1 August 1993	Free trade agreement enters into force with Iceland
1 May 1994	Free trade agreement enters into force with Liechtenstein
11-12 November 1993	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Israel Committee in Jerusalem
13-14 February 1996	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Israel Committee in Geneva
12-13 November 1997	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Israel Committee in Jerusalem
24 June 1999	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Israel Committee in Geneva
13 June 2003	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Israel Committee in Geneva
15 June 2005	Sixth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Israel Committee in Jerusalem
12 June 2008	Seventh meeting of the Joint EFTA-Israel Committee in Crans Montana
16 March 2010	Meeting of Agricultural Experts in Jerusalem

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (continued)

Morocco (1997)

8 December 1995	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Morocco in Zermatt
17 April 1996	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Morocco Committee in Geneva. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement.
19 June 1997	Free trade agreement signed in Geneva
1 December 1999	Free trade agreement enters into force
15-16 March 2000	Sub-committee on customs and origin matters in Rabat
21 June 2000	Sub-committee on customs and origin matters in Rabat
24 October 2000	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Morocco Committee in Rabat
12 June 2002	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Morocco Committee in Geneva
26 October 2004	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Morocco Committee in Rabat
13 March 2007	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Morocco Committee in Geneva
4-6 October 2010	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Morocco Committee and Seminar on Rules of Origin in Rabat

Palestine Authority (1998)

16 December 1996	Signing in Geneva of a Declaration on co-operation with the PLO for the benefit of the Palestinian Interim Self-Government Authority of The West Bank and Gaza Strip
22-23 January 1998	First meeting of the EFTA-PLO "Forum for consultations" in Geneva, followed by the first meeting of the Negotiating Group on the EFTA-PLO FTA
23-24 June 1998	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-PLO FTA in Geneva
21-23 October 1998	Third round of negotiations in Geneva; EFTA-PLO FTA initialled by Parties on 23 October 1998 in Geneva
30 November 1998	Interim Agreement between the EFTA States and the PLO for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority signed in Leukerbad.
1 July 1999	Free trade agreement enters into force with Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland
1 November 2000	Free trade agreement enters into force with Iceland
11 June 2003	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-PLO/PS Committee in Geneva
13 March 2008	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-PS Committee in Geneva
14-15 September 2010	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-PS Committee in Geneva

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (continued)

Macedonia (2000)

29 March 1996	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with the Macedonian Government in Vaduz
8 November 1996	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Macedonia Committee in Ohrid. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to examine measures to be undertaken in view of creating a free trade area between the Parties.
25 June 1998	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Macedonia Committee in Geneva
22 June 1999	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Macedonia FTA in Geneva
11-12 November 1999	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Macedonia FTA in Skopje
1-2 February 2000	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Macedonia FTA in Geneva
10-11 April 2000	Fourth round of FTA negotiations in Skopje
11-12 May 2000	Fifth round of negotiations and initialling of FTA in Geneva
19 June 2000	Free trade agreement with signed in Zurich
1 May 2002	Free trade agreement enters into force with Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland
1 August 2002	Free trade agreement enters into force with Iceland
8 May 2003	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Macedonia Committee in Skopje
28 November 2008	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Macedonia Committee in Geneva

Mexico (2000)

2 May 2000	Technical talks on a possible EFTA-Mexico FTA in Geneva
6-7 July 2000	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Mexico FTA in Geneva
7-14 September 2000	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Mexico FTA in Mexico City
2-6 October 2000	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Mexico FTA in Mexico City
30 Oct.-3 Nov. 2000	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Mexico FTA in Geneva
27 November 2000	Free trade agreement signed in Mexico City
1 July 2001	Free trade agreement enters into force
22 October 2002	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Mexico Committee in Mexico City
7 November 2003	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Mexico Committee in Geneva
3 March 2005	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Mexico Committee in Mexico City
23 September 2008	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Mexico Committee in Geneva
27-28 January 2010	Services Experts Meeting in Mexico City
4+6 May 2010	Services Experts Meeting in Mexico City
7 May 2010	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Mexico Committee in Mexico City
25 November 2010	Meeting of the Service Experts in Geneva

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (continued)

Jordan (2001)

19 June 1997	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with the Kingdom of Jordan in Geneva
18 February 1998	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Jordan Committee in Amman. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to begin exploratory talks on an FTA
22-23 September 1998	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Jordan FTA in Geneva
17-18 March 1999	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Jordan FTA in Amman
13-14 March 2000	Expert Meeting on Processed Agricultural Products in Amman
17-19 May 2000	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Jordan FTA in Geneva
23 May 2001	Initialling of FTA in Geneva
21 June 2001	Free trade agreement signed in Vaduz
1 September 2002	Free trade agreement enters into force
26 February 2004	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Jordan Committee in Amman
18 December 2007	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Jordan Committee in Geneva

Croatia (2001)

19 June 2000	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Croatia in Zurich
26-27 October 2000	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Croatia Committee in Zagreb
22-23 February 2001	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Croatia FTA in Geneva
21 June 2001	Free trade agreement signed in Vaduz
1 April 2002	Free trade agreement enters into force
11 December 2003	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Croatia Committee in Zagreb
5 December 2005	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Croatia Committee in Geneva
4 June 2009	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Croatia Committee in Zagreb

Singapore (2002)

2-6 July 2001	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Singapore FTA in Oslo
22-24 August 2001	Restricted meeting on EFTA-Singapore FTA in Singapore
27 Sept-5 Oct. 2001	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Singapore FTA in Singapore
1-7 November 2001	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Singapore FTA in Singapore
26 June 2002	Free trade agreement signed in Egilsstadir
1 January 2003	Free trade agreement with enters into force
26 May 2004	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Singapore Committee in Singapore
14 March 2007	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Singapore Committee in Geneva
5-6 July 2010	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Singapore Committee in Singapore

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (continued)

Chile (2003)

27 September 1999	Exploratory exchange of information with Chile in Geneva
15 November 1999	Exploratory exchange of information with Chile in Geneva
4 December 2000	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Chile FTA in Geneva
7-11 May 2001	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Chile FTA in Santiago
3-7 September 2001	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Chile FTA in Geneva
24-26 October 2001	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Chile FTA in Santiago
4 February 2002	Restricted meeting in Geneva
2-6 September 2002	Fifth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Chile FTA in Geneva
17-23 March 2003	Sixth round of negotiations and initialling of FTA in Geneva
26 June 2003	Free trade agreement signed in Kristiansand
1 December 2004	Free trade agreement enters in force
31 January 2006	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Chile Committee in Geneva
7-8 April 2008	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Chile Committee in Santiago

Lebanon (2004)

19 June 1997	Signing of a Declaration on Co-Operation with the Republic of Lebanon in Geneva
19 February 1998	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Lebanon Committee in Beirut Establishment of a joint Sub-Committee to begin exploratory talks on an FTA
4 July 2002	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Lebanon Sub-Committee in Geneva
8-9 April 2003	Formal launch of negotiations on the EFTA-Lebanon FTA in Beirut
17-21 November 2003	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Lebanon FTA in Beirut
11-12 March 2004	Third round of negotiations and initialling of the FTA in Geneva
24 June 2004	Free trade agreement signed in Montreux
1 January 2007	Free trade agreement enters into force
8 October 2009	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Lebanon Committee in Beirut

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (continued)

Tunisia (2004)

8 December 1995	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Tunisia in Zermatt
22 April 1996	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Tunisia Committee in Geneva. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement.
7-8 October 1996	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Tunisia FTA in Tunis
5-7 March 1997	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Tunisia FTA in Geneva
25-26 June 1997	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Tunisia FTA in Geneva
14-15 December 1998	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Tunisia FTA in Geneva
2-3 May 2001	Fifth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Tunisia FTA in Tunis
12 November 2003	Meeting of Heads of Delegation in Tunis
5-7 April 2004	Sixth round of negotiations on the the EFTA-Tunisia FTA in Geneva
1 December 2004	Free trade agreement initialled in Geneva
17 December 2004	Free trade agreement signed in Geneva
1 June 2005	Entry into force of Agreement with Switzerland and Liechtenstein
1 August 2005	Entry into force of Agreement with Norway
1 March 2006	Entry into force of Agreement with Iceland
28 February 2007	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Tunisia Committee in Tunis

Republic of Korea (2005)

14 May 2004	Establishment of a Joint EFTA-Korea Study Group in Paris
11-13 August 2004	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Korea Study Group in Geneva
13-15 October 2004	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Korea Study Group in Seoul
17-21 January 2005	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Korea FTA in Geneva
4-8 April 2005	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Korea FTA in Seoul
30 May-2 June 2005	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Korea FTA in Oslo
4-8 July 2005	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Korea FTA in Seoul
12 September 2005	Free trade agreement initialled in Geneva
15 December 2005	Free trade agreement signed in Hong Kong
1 September 2006	Entry into force of Agreement with Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland
1 October 2006	Entry into force of Agreement with Iceland
28 May 2008	First meeting of the Joint Korea-EFTA Committee in Seoul
21 April 2009	Ad-hoc meeting of the Joint Korea-EFTA Committee in Geneva
20-21 January 2010	Second meeting of the Joint Korea-EFTA Committee in Geneva
6-7 July 2010	Meeting of Customs Experts in Seoul

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (continued)

SACU (2006)

6 November 2000	High-level Talks in Pretoria
28-29 June 2001	Exploratory exchange of information with South Africa in Geneva
27-28 November 2002	Exploratory exchange of information with South Africa in Geneva
19-23 May 2003	Formal launch of negotiations on the EFTA-SACU FTA in Pretoria
29 September- 2 October 2003	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-SACU FTA in Geneva
15-18 March 2004	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-SACU FTA in Pretoria
13-17 September 2004	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-SACU FTA in Geneva
2-7 December 2004	Fifth round of negotiations on the EFTA-SACU FTA in Pretoria
12-16 April 2005	Sixth round of negotiations on the EFTA-SACU FTA in Geneva
24-26 August 2005	Seventh round of negotiations on the EFTA-SACU FTA in Pretoria
26 June 2006	Free trade agreement with SACU signed by Iceland, Norway and Lichtenstein in Höfn
1 July 2006	Free trade agreement signed by Switzerland, South Africa and Swaziland in Geneva
14 July 2006	Free trade agreement signed by Botswana and Namibia in Gaborone
7 August 2006	Free trade agreement signed by Lesotho in Pretoria
1 May 2008	Free trade agreement enters into force
4 February 2009	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-SACU Committee in Pretoria
19 March 2010	Meeting of Agricultural Experts in Geneva

Egypt (2007)

8 December 1995	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Egypt in Zermatt
15 April 1996	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Egypt Committee in Geneva
30 November 1998	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Egypt Committee in Leukerbad. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement.
2 December 1998	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Egypt sub-committee
22-23 February 2000	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Egypt FTA in Cairo
1-2 March 2001	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Egypt FTA in Geneva
3-6 February 2003	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Egypt FTA in Cairo
2-6 June 2003	Fifth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Egypt FTA in Geneva
19-22 January 2004	Sixth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Egypt FTA in Cairo
5-10 July 2004	Seventh round of negotiations on the EFTA-Egypt FTA in Geneva
22-25 November 2004	Eighth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Egypt FTA in Cairo
15-16 June 2006	Ninth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Egypt FTA in Geneva
28-31 October 2006	Tenth round of negotiations on the EFTA Egypt FTA in Cairo
27 January 2007	Free trade agreement signed in Davos
1 August 2007	Free trade agreement enters into force
4 November 2008	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Egypt Committee in Geneva

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (continued)

Canada (2008)

26-27 May 1998	First meeting between Canadian and EFTA Officials in Reykjavik to explore the possibility of establishing a Canada-EFTA FTA
14-16 October 1998	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Canada FTA in Ottawa
23-24 November 1998	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Canada FTA in Geneva
15-19 February 1999	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Canada FTA in Geneva
12-16 April 1999	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Canada FTA in Ottawa
14-18 June 1999	Fifth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Canada FTA in Oslo
15-19 November 1999	Sixth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Canada FTA in Geneva
8-10 February 2000	Seventh round of negotiations on the EFTA-Canada FTA in Ottawa
23-24 March 2000	Ninth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Canada FTA in Geneva
16-17 May 2000	Tenth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Canada FTA in Geneva
22-24 April 2002	Visit by EFTA Chair to Ottawa
1-3 November 2006	Meeting of Heads of Delegations and Customs and Agricultural Experts in Ottawa
16-18 January 2007	Eleventh round of negotiations on the EFTA-Canada FTA in Geneva
7 June 2007	Announcement of the conclusion of negotiations on the EFTA-Canada FTA
26 January 2008	Free trade agreement signed in Davos
1 July 2009	Free trade agreement enters into force
16-17 November 2010	First Meeting of the Joint EFTA-Canada Committee in Geneva and by video conference

Colombia (2008)

17 May 2006	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Colombia in Bern
5-6 October 2006	First meeting of the EFTA-Colombia Committee in Bogotá
4-8 June 2007	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Colombia FTA in Bogotá
27-31 August 2007	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Colombia FTA in Lima
28 October 2007- 3 November 2007	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Colombia FTA in Geneva
1-6 April 2008	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Colombia FTA in Bogotá
9-12 June 2008	Fifth round and finalisation of negotiations on the EFTA-Colombia FTA in Crans Montana
25 November 2008	Free Trade Agreement signed in Geneva

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (continued)

Co-operation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) (2009)

23 May 2000	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with the GCC in Brussels
14 January 2003	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-GCC Committee in Riyadh
20 September 2004	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-GCC Committee in Geneva
18 February 2006	Adoption of Terms of Reference for free trade negotiations
20-21 June 2006	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-GCC FTA in Geneva
13-15 November 2006	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-GCC FTA in Riyadh
21-22 March 2007	Technical Meeting on the EFTA-GCC FTA in Geneva
19-21 June 2007	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-GCC FTA in Geneva
13-15 November 2007	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-GCC FTA in Riyadh
21-23 April 2008	Fifth round and finalisation of negotiations on the EFTA-GCC FTA in Geneva
22 June 2009	Free Trade Agreement signed in Hamar

Albania (2009)

10 December 1992	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation in Geneva
23 March 1993	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Albania Committee in Tirana
9 December 1999	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Albania Committee in Geneva
26 September 2000	EFTA-Albania expert meeting on technical co-operation in Tirana
3 November 2005	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Albania Committee in Tirana
12-14 May 2009	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Albania FTA in Tirana
25-26 June 2009	Second round and finalisation of negotiations on the EFTA-Albania FTA in Geneva
17 December 2009	Free Trade Agreement signed in Geneva
1 November 2010	Free Trade Agreement enters into force between Albania, Liechtenstein and Switzerland

Serbia (2009)

12 December 2000	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Yugoslavia in Geneva
24 September 2001	First Meeting of Joint EFTA-Yugoslavia Committee in Belgrade
14 June 2002	First meeting of the EFTA-Yugoslavia Sub-Committee in Geneva
18 June 2008	Second meeting of the EFTA-Serbia Sub-Committee in Geneva
28-30 April 2009	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Serbia FTA in Belgrade
10-12 June 2009	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Serbia FTA in Belgrade
17 December 2009	Free Trade Agreement signed in Geneva
1 October 2010	Free Trade Agreement enters into force between Serbia, Liechtenstein and Switzerland

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (continued)

Peru (2010)

24 April 2006	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Peru in Geneva
3 October 2006	First meeting of the EFTA-Peru Committee in Lima
4-8 June 2007	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Peru FTA in Bogotá
27-31 August 2007	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Peru FTA in Lima
28 October 2007- 3 November 2007	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Peru FTA in Geneva
1-6 April 2008	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Peru FTA in Bogotá
27-31 October 2008	Fifth round and finalisation of negotiations on the EFTA-Peru FTA in Lima
24 June / 14 July 2010	Free Trade Agreement signed in Reykjavik and in Lima

Ukraine (2010)

19 June 2000	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Ukraine in Zurich
24 September 2002	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Ukraine Committee in Kyiv
16 November 2005	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Ukraine Committee in Geneva
21-22 April 2009	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Ukraine FTA in Kyiv
25-28 August 2009	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Ukraine FTA in Kyiv
3-5 November 2009	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Ukraine FTA in Geneva
16-19 February 2010	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Ukraine FTA in Kyiv
26-30 April 2010	Fifth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Ukraine FTA in Kyiv
24 June 2010	Free Trade Agreement signed in Reykjavik

ONGOING FTA NEGOTIATIONS

Algeria (2002)

13 December 2002	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Algeria in Interlaken
21 October 2003	First meeting of the EFTA-Algeria committee in Algiers
2 June 2004	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Algeria Committee in Geneva
8 November 2005	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Algeria Committee in Geneva
17-18 July 2007	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Algeria Committee in Geneva
19-21 November 2007	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Algeria FTA in Algiers
26-29 February 2008	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Algeria FTA in Geneva
5-8 May 2008	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Algeria FTA in Algiers
18-21 November 2008	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Algeria FTA in Geneva

Kingdom of Thailand (2005)

10 January 2005	First Consultation Meeting in Bangkok
11-15 October 2005	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Thailand FTA in Phuket
16-20 January 2006	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Thailand FTA in Chiang Mai

India (2006)

1 December 2006	Signing of a Record of Understanding with India in Geneva
23-24 April 2007	First meeting of the EFTA-India Joint Study Group in New Delhi
25-26 July 2007	Second meeting of the EFTA-India Joint Study Group in Geneva
3 September 2007	Third meeting of the EFTA-India Joint Study Group in New Delhi
8-10 October 2007	Fourth meeting of the EFTA-India Joint Study Group in Vaduz
26 January 2008	Signing of a Joint Statement on the launch of negotiations on a Trade and Investment Agreement
6-8 October 2008	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-India FTA in New Delhi
15-19 December 2008	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-India FTA in Geneva
23-26 February 2009	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-India FTA in New Delhi
22-24 September 2009	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-India FTA in New Delhi
17-19 August 2010	Fifth round of negotiations on the EFTA-India FTA in New Delhi
11-12 November 2010	Sixth round of negotiations on the EFTA India FTA in Geneva

Hong Kong (2010)

3 April 2009	Exploratory meeting in Geneva
16 September 2009	Organisational meeting in Hong Kong
18-21 January 2010	First round of negotiations on the EFTA-Hong Kong FTA in Geneva
29 June – 2 July 2010	Second round of negotiations on the EFTA-Hong Kong FTA in Hong Kong
23-27 August 2010	Third round of negotiations on the EFTA-Hong Kong FTA in Geneva
19-22 October 2010	Meeting of Services and Legal Experts in Hong Kong
2-4 November 2010	Meeting of Experts on Sustainable Development in Hong Kong
22-25 November 2010	Meeting of IPR Experts in Hong Kong
30 Nov – 3 Dec 2010	Fourth round of negotiations on the EFTA-Hong Kong FTA in Hong Kong

ONGOING FTA NEGOTIATIONS (continued)

Indonesia (2005)

29 November 2005	Signing of a Record of Understanding with Indonesia in Geneva
25-26 April 2006	First meeting of the EFTA-Indonesia Joint Study Group in Geneva
26-27 September 2006	Second meeting of the EFTA-Indonesia Joint Study Group in Jakarta
24 February 2010	Organisational meeting in Geneva
7 July 2010	Launch of negotiations on a EFTA-Indonesia FTA in Jakarta
28-29 September 2010	Organisational meeting in Geneva

Russia / Belarus / Kazakhstan (2007)

2 December 2007	Signing of a Record of Understanding with Russia in Geneva
4 December 2007	Signing of a Record of Understanding with Russia in Moscow
30 January 2008	First meeting of the EFTA-Russia Joint Study Group in Moscow
17-18 April 2008	Second meeting of the EFTA-Russia Joint Study Group in Geneva
2-4 July 2008	Third meeting of the EFTA-Russia Joint Study Group in Moscow
15-16 September 2008	Fourth meeting of the EFTA-Russia Joint Study Group in Geneva
4 May 2009	EFTA-Russia Experts meeting in Geneva
16 December 2009	EFTA-Russia Informal meeting in Brussels
13 January 2010	EFTA-Russia Technical meeting in Geneva
22 January 2010	EFTA-Russia Organisational meeting in Moscow
26-28 May 2010	EFTA-Russia/Belarus/Kazakhstan Heads and Experts meeting in Geneva
21-22 October 2010	EFTA-Russia/Belarus/Kazakhstan Organisational meeting in Geneva
23 November 2010	Launch of negotiations on a EFTA-Russia/Belarus/Kazakhstan FTA in Geneva

DECLARATIONS ON CO-OPERATION AND RECORDS OF UNDERSTANDING

Montenegro (2000)

12 December 2000 Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Yugoslavia in Geneva

MercoSur (2000)

12 December 2000 Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Mercosur in Geneva
29 November 2002 First meeting of the EFTA-Mercosur Joint Committee in Brussels
11 November 2004 Second meeting of the EFTA-Mercosur Joint Committee in Geneva

Mongolia (2007)

28 June 2007 Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Mongolia in Vaduz
8 November 2010 First Joint Committee meeting under Joint Declaration in Geneva

Mauritius (2009)

9 June 2009 Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Mauritius in Geneva

Vietnam 2010

19 May 2010 Signing of a Joint Statement with Vietnam in Geneva
11-12 August 2010 First meeting of the EFTA-Vietnam Joint Study Group in Geneva
17-18 November 2010 Second meeting of the EFTA-Vietnam Joint Study Group in Hanoi

Malaysia (2010)

20 July 2010 Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Malaysia in Geneva

Panama (2010)

20 July 2010 Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Panama in Geneva

DECLARATIONS ON CO-OPERATION AND RECORDS OF UNDERSTANDING (continued)

TERMINATED FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

Former EFTA Partners now members of the EU (1 May 2004)

Poland (1992)

13 June 1990	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation in Gothenburg
25 October 1990	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Poland Committee in Geneva. Establishment of a joint sub-Committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement
10 December 1992	Free trade agreement signed in Geneva
1 September 1994	Free trade agreement enters into force
27 October 1994	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Poland Committee in Warsaw
26 June 1996	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Poland Committee in Geneva
16 November 1998	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Poland Committee in Warsaw
23 November 1999	Sixth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Poland Committee in Geneva
5 December 2000	Seventh meeting of the Joint EFTA-Poland Committee in Geneva
20 February 2001	Eighth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Poland Committee in Brussels
26 September 2002	Ninth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Poland Committee in Warsaw

Hungary (1993)

13 June 1990	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation in Gothenburg
27 September 1990	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Hungary Committee in Budapest. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement.
27-28 June 1991	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Hungary Committee in Vienna
29 March 1993	Free trade agreement signed in Geneva
1 October 1993	Free trade agreement enters into force
20 December 1993	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Hungary Committee in Budapest
26 April 1995	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Hungary Committee in Geneva
27-28 February 1997	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Hungary Committee in Budapest
8 December 1998	Sixth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Hungary Committee in Geneva
21 November 2000	Seventh meeting of the Joint EFTA-Hungary Committee in Budapest
13 June 2002	Eighth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Hungary Committee in Geneva

Czech Republic (1992)

13 June 1990	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with the former CSFR in Gothenburg
16 November 1990	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-CSFR Committee in Geneva. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement.
20 March 1992	Free trade agreement with the former CSFR signed in Geneva
1 July 1992	Free trade agreement enters into force
19 April 1993	Protocol on the succession of the Czech Republic to the EFTA-CSFR free trade agreement signed in Geneva
22-23 April 1993	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Czech Republic Committee in St. Gallen
15 March 1994	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Czech Republic Committee in Geneva
12 May 1995	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Czech Republic Committee in Geneva
15 October 1996	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Czech Republic Committee in Prague
10 June 1998	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Czech Republic Committee in Geneva
14 November 2000	Sixth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Czech Republic Committee in Geneva
25 November 2002	Seventh meeting of the Joint EFTA-Czech Republic Committee in Prague

TERMINATED FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (continued)

Slovak Republic (1992)

3 June 1990	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with the former CSFR in Gothenburg
16 November 1990	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-CSFR Committee in Geneva. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement.
20 March 1992	Free trade agreement with the former CSFR signed in Geneva
1 July 1992	Free trade agreement enters into force
19 April 1993	Protocol on the succession of the Slovak Republic to the EFTA-CSFR free trade agreement signed in Geneva
22-23 April 1993	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Slovak Republic Committee in St. Gallen
17 March 1994	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Slovak Republic Committee in Geneva
11 May 1995	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Slovak Republic Committee in Geneva
16-17 October 1996	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Slovak Republic Committee in Bratislava
11 June 1998	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Slovak Republic Committee in Geneva
14 December 2000	Sixth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Slovak Republic Committee in Geneva
10 February 2003	Seventh meeting of the Joint EFTA-Slovak Republic Committee in Bratislava

Slovenia (1995)

20 May 1992	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation in Reykjavik
17 November 1992	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Slovenia Committee in Ljubljana. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement.
2-3 November 1993	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Slovenia Committee in Vaduz
13 June 1995	Free trade agreement signed in Bergen
1 July 1995	Free trade agreement provisionally applied
26-27 September 1996	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Slovenia Committee in Ljubljana
1 September 1998	Free trade agreement enters into force
21 May 1999	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Slovenia Committee in Geneva
24 April 2001	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Slovenia Committee in Ljubljana

Estonia (1995)

10 December 1991	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Estonia in Geneva
26 April 1993	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Estonia Committee in Stockholm
11 April 1994	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Estonia Committee in Tallinn. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement.
7 December 1995	Free trade agreement with Estonia signed in Zermatt
1 June 1996	Free trade agreement with Estonia provisionally applied
2-3 June 1997	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Estonia Committee in Tallinn
1 October 1997	Free trade agreement with Estonia enters into force
24 September 1999	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Estonia Committee in Geneva
27 November 2001	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Estonia Committee in Tallinn

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Latvia (1995)

10 December 1991	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Latvia in Geneva
27 April 1993	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Latvia Committee in Stockholm
13 April 1994	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Latvia Committee in Riga. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement
7 December 1995	Free trade agreement with Latvia signed in Zermatt
1 June 1996	Free trade agreement with Latvia enters into force
4 June 1997	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Latvia Committee in Riga
23 September 1999	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Latvia Committee in Geneva
29 November 2001	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Latvia Committee in Riga

Lithuania (1995)

10 December 1991	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation with Lithuania in Geneva
28 April 1993	First meeting of the Joint EFTA- Lithuania Committee in Stockholm
14-15 April 1994	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Lithuania Committee in Vilnius. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement.
7 December 1995	Free trade agreement with Lithuania signed in Zermatt
1 January 1997	Free trade agreement with Lithuania enters into force
5-6 June 1997	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Lithuania Committee in Vilnius
11 February 1999	Restricted meeting of the Joint EFTA-Lithuania Committee
22 September 1999	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Lithuania Committee in Geneva
7 December 2000	Restricted meeting of the Joint EFTA-Lithuania Committee in Geneva
30 November 2001	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Lithuania Committee in Vilnius

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Romania (1992)

10 December 1991	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation in Geneva
27 March 1992	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Romania Committee in Geneva.
16 June 1992	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Romania Committee. Establishment of a joint sub-committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement
10 December 1992	Free trade agreement signed in Geneva
1 July 1993	Free trade agreement enters into force with Norway
1 February 1994	Free trade agreement enters into force with Switzerland
1 May 1994	Free trade agreement enters into force with Liechtenstein
1 June 1994	Free trade agreement enters into force with Iceland
30 May 1994	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Romania Committee in Bucharest
19 March 1996	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Romania Committee in Geneva
16 December 1997	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Romania Committee in Bucharest
11 June 2001	Sixth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Romania Committee in Geneva
19 April 2002	Restricted meeting of the Joint EFTA-Romania Committee in Geneva
27 November 2003	Seventh meeting of the Joint EFTA-Romania Committee in Geneva

Bulgaria (1993)

10 December 1991	Signing of a Declaration on co-operation in Geneva
3 June 1992	First meeting of the Joint EFTA-Bulgaria Committee in Geneva. Establishment of a joint sub committee to start elaboration of a draft free trade agreement.
29 March 1993	Free trade agreement signed in Geneva
1 January 1994	Free trade agreement enters into force with Norway
1 June 1994	Free trade agreement enters into force with Iceland and Switzerland
1 June 1994	Second meeting of the Joint EFTA-Bulgaria Committee in Sofia
1 October 1994	Free trade agreement enters into force with Liechtenstein
20 March 1996	Third meeting of the Joint EFTA-Bulgaria Committee in Geneva
18 December 1997	Fourth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Bulgaria Committee in Sofia
20 September 2000	Fifth meeting of the Joint EFTA-Bulgaria Committee in Geneva