

**ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
AND CYPRUS**

Biennial Report on the Operation of the Agreement

Communication from the Parties

Addendum

This document reproduces questions addressed to the Parties and the responses provided by them.

It is not clear what the status of these agreements are. Are they fully implemented free-trade areas or partially implemented agreements that are beyond the ten-year phase-in period?

As explained in the biennial reports themselves, the Association Agreements with these countries each foresaw the creation of a customs union with the EC over two stages. Formation of the EC-Cyprus customs union is now in its second stage, while that of the EC-Malta customs union is still in its first. Clearly, therefore, implementation has taken longer than the ten years originally foreseen. The biennial reports describe the progress made in each case.
