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Recommendation for a

COUNCIL DECISION

authorising the Commission to negotiate the renewal of the agreement on scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel

(presented by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. By its Decision 2004/576/EC of 29.04.2004 the Council concluded the Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and Israel, which entered into force on 12.05.2004, with a provisional application on 16.12.2002.
2. The Agreement associated Israel to the specific programmes of the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration (RTD) activities. Article 5(5) of this Agreement foresees the renewal of the Agreement should the Community adopt new Framework Programmes.
3. It is in the interest of the Communities to renegotiate this Agreement in order to associate Israel to the Seventh Framework Programme and thereby expand the European Research Area.
4. In the light of the above, the Commission recommends that:
 - the Council authorises the Commission to open and conduct negotiations with Israel on the renewal under mutually agreed conditions of the agreement on scientific and technical cooperation covering the activities of the European Community's framework programme for research, technological development and demonstration activities;
 - since, in accordance with Article 300, paragraph 1, of the EC Treaty, the Commission will conduct these negotiations on behalf of the European Community, the Council appoints a special committee to assist it in this task; and
 - the Council adopts the negotiating directives in the Annex.

Recommendation for a

COUNCIL DECISION

authorising the Commission to negotiate the renewal of the agreement on scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel

- (1) The Council authorises the Commission to negotiate the renewal of the agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel.
- (2) The Commission will conduct the negotiations with the assistance of the special committee created for this purpose in accordance with Article 300, paragraph 1, of the Treaty establishing the European Community.
- (3) The Council calls on the Commission to conduct these negotiations on the basis of the negotiating directives in the Annex.
- (4) The Commission will keep the Council informed of the state of progress of the negotiations.

ANNEX

DRAFT NEGOTIATING DIRECTIVES

For renewing the Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel

The aim of the negotiations is to renew under mutually agreed conditions the above-mentioned Agreement for the duration of the Seventh Framework Programme (EC - 2007-2013)², and this in accordance with the procedure foreseen under Article 5, paragraph 5 of the Agreement.

The terms and conditions of the present Agreement will be adapted to the rules applicable to the Seventh Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration activities, once it is adopted. It would be appropriate to foresee the provisional application of the renewed agreement so as to allow Israeli entities to participate in the first calls under the Seventh Framework Programmes.

The renewed agreement should provide for adequate protection of the financial interests of the European Communities covering the communication of financial data, audits and administrative anti-fraud investigations on the spot, administrative assistance and the recovery of money. Insofar as necessary, the renewed agreement should also envisage elimination of obstacles in relation to taxation and social security resulting from the cross border participation of researchers in research projects under the agreement, in particular for the personnel of the Joint Research Centres governed by the EC staff regulations.

² COM (2005) 119 final: "Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the seventh framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007 to 2013)."

LEGISLATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. NAME OF THE PROPOSAL:

Recommendation for a Council decision authorising the Commission to negotiate the renewal of the agreement on scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel for the duration of the Seventh EC Framework Programme.

2. ABM / ABB FRAMEWORK

Policy strategy and coordination of in particular the Directorates General RTD, JRC, ENTR, INFSO and TREN.

3. BUDGET LINES

3.1. Budget lines (operational lines and related technical and administrative assistance lines (ex- B..A lines)) including headings:

Administrative budget lines for the specific programmes of the Framework Programme of the European Community (08.01.05.03).

3.2. Duration of the action and of the financial impact:

Six months from start of negotiations.

3.3. Budgetary characteristics :

Budget line	Type of expenditure		New	EFTA contribution	Contributions from applicant countries	Heading in financial perspective
08.01.05.03	Non-comp	Non-diff ³	NO	YES	NO	No 3

³ Non-differentiated appropriations hereafter referred to as NDA

4. SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

4.1. Financial Resources

4.1.1. Summary of commitment appropriations (CA) and payment appropriations (PA)

EUR million (to 3 decimal places)

Expenditure type	Section no.		Year 2006	n + 1	n + 2	n + 3	n + 4	n + 5 and later	Total
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Operational expenditure⁴

Commitment Appropriations (CA)	8.1.	a	0						
Payment Appropriations (PA)		b	0						

Administrative expenditure within reference amount⁵

Technical & administrative assistance (NDA)	8.2.4.	c	0.100						0.100
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TOTAL REFERENCE AMOUNT

Commitment Appropriations		a+c	0.100						0.100
Payment Appropriations		b+c	0.100						0.100

Administrative expenditure not included in reference amount⁶

Human resources and associated expenditure (NDA)	8.2.5.	d	0						0
Administrative costs, other than human resources and associated costs, not included in reference amount (NDA)	8.2.6.	e	0						

Total indicative financial cost of intervention

TOTAL CA including cost of Human Resources		a+c +d +e	0.100						0.100
TOTAL PA including cost of Human Resources		b+c +d +e	0.100						0.100

⁴ Expenditure that does not fall under Chapter xx 01 of the Title xx concerned.

⁵ Expenditure within article xx 01 04 of Title xx.

⁶ Expenditure within chapter xx 01 other than articles xx 01 04 or xx 01 05.

Co-financing details

No co-financing required

4.1.2. *Compatibility with Financial Programming*

- ✗ Proposal is compatible with existing financial programming.

4.1.3. *Financial impact on Revenue*

- ✗ Proposal has no financial implications on revenue

4.2. Human Resources FTE (including officials, temporary and external staff) – see detail under point 8.2.1.

Use of existing human resources. The Commission is not requesting additional staff to negotiate the agreement.

5. CHARACTERISTICS AND OBJECTIVES

5.1. Need to be met in the short or long term

This legislative proposal is the first stage of the procedure aiming at the full association of Israel in the activities of the Seventh Framework Programme. It will allow the Commission representatives to negotiate the text, with the Israeli counterparts, for the agreement associating Israel to the Framework Programme with the objective to have an agreement in place at the start of the new Framework Programme.

5.2. Value-added of Community involvement and coherence of the proposal with other financial instruments and possible synergy

Once FP7 has been adopted and the agreement associating Israel has been negotiated and initialled, a legislative financial statement comprising the Israeli contribution to the EC budget and possible other expenses linked to this activity will be annexed to the decision on the signature.

5.3. Objectives, expected results and related indicators of the proposal in the context of the ABM framework

Related objectives in Annual Management Plan 2006 RTD:

- To prepare for the successful launch of the Seventh Framework Programme in all domains and horizontal issues (gender mainstreaming, ethics, SMEs, international scientific co-operation, socio-economic aspects and foresight);

Indicator:

- Signature of S&T association agreements (FP7) with Switzerland and Israel, if requested by the countries concerned.

5.4. Method of Implementation (indicative)

✗ *Centralised Management*

✗ directly by the Commission

6. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

6.1. Monitoring system

NA

6.2. Evaluation

NA

7. ANTI-FRAUD MEASURES

NA

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8. DETAILS OF RESOURCES

8.1. Objectives of the proposal in terms of their financial cost

No impact on operational expenditures.

8.2. Administrative Expenditure

8.2.1. Number and type of human resources

Use of existing human resources.

Types of post		Staff to be assigned to management of the action using existing and/or additional resources (number of posts/FTEs)					
		Year 2006	Year n+1	Year n+2	Year n+3	Year n+4	Year n+5
Officials or temporary staff ⁷ (XX 01 01)	A*/AD						
	B*, C*/AST						
Staff financed ⁸ by art. XX 01 02							
Other staff ⁹ financed by art. XX 01 04/05							
TOTAL							

8.2.2. Description of tasks deriving from the action

Expenses expected in connection with the negotiation of the Agreement are for workshops and meetings as well as missions by EU experts and officials to Israel.

Meetings and workshops	50.000 Euros
Missions	50.000 Euros
Total	100.000 Euros

8.2.3. Sources of human resources (statutory)

- ✗ Posts currently allocated to the management of the programme to be replaced or extended

⁷ Cost of which is NOT covered by the reference amount

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⁹ Cost of which is included within the reference amount

8.2.4. *Other Administrative expenditure included in reference amount (XX 01 04/05 – Expenditure on administrative management)*

EUR million (to 3 decimal places)

Budget line	Year 2006	Year n+1	Year n+2	Year n+3	Year n+4	Year n+5 and later	TOTAL
XX 010503 01							
1 Technical and administrative assistance (including related staff costs)							
Executive agencies ¹⁰							
Other technical and administrative assistance	0.100	0					0.100
- <i>intra muros</i>	0.100						0.100
- <i>extra muros</i>							
Total Technical and administrative assistance	0.100	0					0.100

8.2.5. *Financial cost of human resources and associated costs not included in the reference amount*

As per section 8.2.1.

EUR million (to 3 decimal places)

Type of human resources	Year 2006	Year n+1	Year n+2	Year n+3	Year n+4	Year n+5 and later
Officials and temporary staff (XX 01 01)						
Staff financed by Art XX 01 02 (auxiliary, END, contract staff, etc.) (specify budget line)						
Total cost of Human Resources and associated costs (NOT in reference amount)						

¹⁰ Reference should be made to the specific legislative financial statement for the Executive Agency(ies) concerned.

8.2.6. *Other administrative expenditure not included in reference amount*

NA

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