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Subject: Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

AGREEMENT
FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION
AND THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA
SETTING OUT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS
FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA
IN THE PARTNERSHIP FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA (PRIMA)

DZ/EU/en 1

DZ/EU/en 2

THE EUROPEAN UNION, hereinafter referred to as "the Union",

of the one part,

and

THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA, hereinafter referred to as "Algeria",

of the other part,

hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

WHEREAS the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, of the other part¹ ("the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement"), which entered into force on 1 September 2005, provides for scientific, technical and technological cooperation;

WHEREAS the Agreement between the European Union and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on scientific and technological cooperation², which entered into force on 11 June 2013, establishes a formal framework for cooperation of the Parties in scientific and technological research;

¹ OJEU L 265, 10.10.2005, p. 2.

² OJEU L 99, 5.4.2012, p. 2.

WHEREAS Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹ regulates the terms and conditions for the participation of the Member States of the Union and third countries associated to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020 ("Horizon 2020") which are Participating States of the initiative, in particular their financial obligations and participation in the governing structures of the initiative;

WHEREAS in accordance with Decision (EU) 2017/1324 Algeria is to become a Participating State in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ("PRIMA") subject to the conclusion of an international agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with the Union setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Algeria in PRIMA;

WHEREAS Algeria expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State and on an equal footing with the Member States of the Union and third countries associated to Horizon 2020 participating in PRIMA;

WHEREAS an international agreement between the Union and Algeria is needed to regulate the rights and obligations of Algeria as a Participating State in PRIMA,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

¹ Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2017 on the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) jointly undertaken by several Member States (OJEU L 185, 18.7.2017, p. 1).

ARTICLE 1

Object and purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to set out the terms and conditions for the participation of Algeria in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ("PRIMA").

ARTICLE 2

Terms and conditions for the participation of Algeria in PRIMA

The terms and conditions for the participation of Algeria in PRIMA shall be those set out in Decision (EU) 2017/1324. The Parties shall comply with the obligations established by Decision (EU) 2017/1324 and take appropriate measures, in particular by providing all necessary assistance in order to ensure the application of Article 10(2) and Article 11(3) and (4) of that Decision. The detailed arrangements for assistance shall be agreed between the Parties, such arrangements being essential to their cooperation under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

Territorial application

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty on the European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union are applied and, on the other, to the territory of Algeria.

ARTICLE 4

Signature and provisional application

This Agreement shall be applied on a provisional basis from the date of its signature.

ARTICLE 5

Entry into force and duration

1. This Agreement shall be approved by the Parties in accordance with their own procedures.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which both Parties have notified each other through diplomatic channels that the procedures referred to in paragraph 1 have been completed.
3. This Agreement shall remain in force for as long as Decision (EU) 2017/1324 is in force, unless terminated by either Party in accordance with Article 6.

ARTICLE 6

Termination

1. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by a written notice informing the other Party of the intent to terminate it.

The termination shall take effect six months after the date on which the written notice reaches its addressee.

2. Projects and activities in progress at the time of termination of this Agreement shall continue until their completion under the conditions laid down in this Agreement.

3. Parties shall settle by common consent any other consequences of termination.

ARTICLE 7

Dispute settlement

The dispute settlement procedure provided for in Article 100 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement shall apply to all disputes related to the application or interpretation of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish and Arabic languages, each text being equally authentic.