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1. On 22.11.2007 the Commission submitted to the Council its recommendation for the above-mentioned decision. The Commission's recommendation is based on Articles 170 and 300 of the Treaty establishing the European Community.
2. Following its meeting on 21.01.2008 the Research Working Party has reached agreement on the decision authorising the Commission to negotiate the agreement (Annex I), as well as on the negotiating directives as proposed by the Commission (Annex II).
3. It is suggested, therefore, that the Permanent Representatives Committee recommends the Council, at one of its future sessions, to adopt as an "A" item this Decision and the negotiating directives as annexed to this note.

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ANNEX I

COUNCIL DECISION

authorising the Commission to negotiate an agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

1. The Council authorises the Commission to negotiate an agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
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.

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NEGOTIATING DIRECTIVES

For an Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

1. Subject

The aim of the negotiations is to conclude an agreement on scientific and technological cooperation.

The purpose of this agreement is to establish cooperation under the framework programmes of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities, hereinafter referred to as "the framework programme". This cooperation should be to the benefit of both parties.

The provisions of this agreement shall take the principles and provisions of the European Neighbourhood Policy fully into account.

2. Guiding principles

Cooperation under this agreement shall ensure reciprocal access for research bodies from the two parties to their activities in similar fields of research and development and appropriate protection of industrial and intellectual property, with the objective of acting to the mutual benefit of both parties.

3. Scope of the cooperation

The cooperation established by this agreement shall cover the activities of the framework programme and the equivalent activities in Jordan.

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4. Forms and methods of cooperation

Cooperation shall take the following forms:

- full participation, under the agreement, of Jordanian research and development bodies in indirect research actions under the framework programme of the European Community and reciprocal participation by research bodies from the European Community in Jordanian research projects in similar sectors. Participation by Jordanian bodies in indirect Community research actions shall be subject to the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the Framework Programme and for the dissemination of research results;
- visits and exchanges of scientists, organisation of scientific and technical events;
- studies and evaluations aiming to strengthen and structure cooperation between the two parties;
- promotion of any other activity aimed at facilitating the implementation of this agreement, particularly the exchange of scientific and technical information and coordination activities.

5. Duration

The agreement shall be concluded for an unlimited period. It may be terminated at any time by either party upon six months' written notice.

6. Dissemination and utilisation of information

Participation of Jordanian bodies in indirect Community RTD action and the dissemination and exploitation of results, including intellectual property rights, shall be subject to the rules adopted by the European Parliament and the Council for the Community's research programmes under Article 167 of the Treaty and, where appropriate, to the guiding principles on the allocation of intellectual property rights applicable to scientific and technological cooperation agreements with third countries, as laid down in the Joint Declaration of the Council and the Commission of 26 June 1992.

Mutatis mutandis, entities from the Community participating in Jordanian research activities under this agreement shall have the same rights and obligations as Jordanian entities.

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7. Financing

As far as the participation of Jordanian research bodies in indirect Community research action in the framework programme is concerned, the provisions adopted by the European Parliament and the Council under Article 167 of the EC Treaty applicable to bodies from third countries shall apply.

8. Management of the agreement

A Joint Scientific and Technological Cooperation Committee shall be set up to promote, monitor and assess the various activities under the agreement. It shall consist of representatives of the Commission on the one part and representatives of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the other.

The Committee shall normally meet once a year. Extraordinary meetings may be held at the request of either of the parties. Its meetings will be coordinated with those of the Research and Innovation sub-committee of the Association Agreement. The conclusions of the Committee meetings will be sent for information to the Association Committee of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Union and the country concerned.

9. Modifications of the agreement

The Joint Scientific and Technological Cooperation Committee shall be authorised to modify the agreement by mutual consent.